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Christmas party in Dorset

Eight-year-old Emma Mackay peeks through a balloon heart that was made for her by a Shriners clown at last Saturday's Dorset Christmas party for kids.

Photo by Mark Arike

Large crowd gathers for council ceremony in Minden

By Laura Redman

More than 50 people crowded into council chambers in Minden on Monday night to witness the public swearing in of the new council.

The council chambers were lit up with a Christmas tree, candles on the council tables and a projector showing festive Christmas decorations on the screen, while Bing Crosby's traditional Christmas favourites played in the background before the ceremony began.

The new council in Minden – which consists of two returning councillors and five new faces – were all actually sworn into official office during a private ceremony last Wednesday.

Township Clerk Cheryl McCarroll that action was taken as a precautionary measure because CAO Gerry Morrison is now on long-term leave and the new council did not want to be left in a situation where decisions might have to be made with no one having the authority to make them.

Piper Brian Sachs led the councillors, deputy

reeve and new Reeve Barb Reid into the council chambers, before McCarroll made the rounds to each council member with a bible and the declaration of office. Tammy Rea performed the duties of master of ceremonies and compared her role as emcee to the new council members.

"Please enjoy my enthusiasm and excuse my inexperience," Rea said, adding that the election was a "tough one."

"But the voters have made a choice for change," Rea said, as she called on the council to have humility and respect for the knowledge of the returning councillors and staff, while bringing their fresh eyes and enthusiasm to the table to work together for change.

Rev. Max Ward from the Minden United Church performed the invocation and he appealed to the council to recognize the needs in the community of those who have been marginalized and reiterated the need to work together for the common good of the township and the county.

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Dysart council completes ceremony; gets down to business

Reeve and warden both speak to importance of teamwork

By Laura Redman

The Dysart et al council inauguration proceeded with business-like efficiency on Monday morning as council members - four returning and three newly elected - passed the bible around the council table and made their vow of office.

About 20 people attended the ceremony that began at 11 a.m. sharp, with one new councillor missing – Susan Norcross, just elected to Ward Four. Norcross slipped into her seat at about 11:03, and explained later that she had been dealing with a family crisis.

Returning Reeve Murray Fearrey spoke first before handing the bible around, starting with returning Deputy Reeve Bill Davis, and then on to returning Councillor Andrea Roberts, new Councillors Dennis Casey, Walt McKecknie and Susan Norcross and finally returning Councillor Steve Pogue.

Pastor Bev Hicks of the Northland Faith Church in Haliburton greeted the council members he knew and blessed the newly minted council at

some length, saying that "government and authority are God-ordained."

"Your decisions and your policies that you make are important, because they reflect not only on what is accomplished and established during this term of office, but as well what shapes and molds this municipality for years to come," said Hicks, adding his wish for peace and serenity, as well as progress and prosperity in the township. "The Bible says if you need wisdom, just ask God, he gives freely, and you shall receive the same and also, let your conscience be your guide... God Bless every one of you on this council."

County Warden Dave Burton was in attendance and congratulated the new council and then likened municipal council work to a game of hockey.

"It's all about teamwork and if you exercise teamwork toward a common goal and that goal is Dysart et al and the good residents within – I think it makes for a better council," Burton said.

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No word yet on environmental assessment

By Jerry Grozelle

The status of the Stanhope Airport expansion is still in limbo. No word has yet (as of Tuesday morning) been received from Bill Bunker of the Environmental Assessment Review Board indicating that the documents have been signed by Infrastructure Minister Bob Chiarelli.

Algonquin Highlands Clerk Angie Bird explained the procedure that must be followed if the environmental assessment review comes

back in favour of the expansion project.

"If the document comes through and it's signed by the minister, then what has to happen is the municipality has to sign it and then there has to be a directive to mobilize the contractor," she said. "I don't anticipate that that's going to happen."

In other words, there seems to be little chance that the airport expansion proposal will be considered by the out-going council. ■



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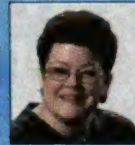
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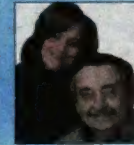
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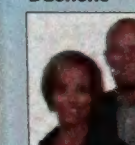
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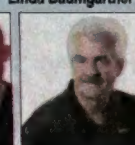
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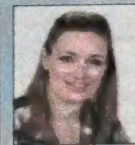
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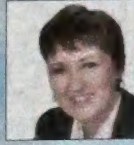
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Minden Food Bank feels pinch; many new families in need

By Laura Redman

Having trouble deciding what to buy your loved ones for Christmas this year? Unfortunately, many families in and around Haliburton County have a much more difficult decision to make – pay the heating bill or buy food.

And one area food bank is seeing an ever-increasing demand for their services.

"For the first time ever, we're feeling the pinch," said Barb Walford-Davis, chair of the board of directors of the Minden Food Bank.

Minden is not alone. Food Banks Canada reported that nearly 900,000 Canadians used a food bank earlier this year, the highest level since 1997. Across the province, the Ontario Association of Food Banks says 375,000 Ontario residents are served by food banks every month and 40 per cent of those are children.

The Minden Food Bank began its life as an emergency food cupboard based in St. Paul's Anglican Church, but Walford-Davis said the food bank soon became a permanent part of the community. She said that help is trickling in, but this year especially, the need is great.

"The resorts all cut back on their staffing this year, and many were not hiring at all, so families that counted on those regular part-time jobs where both partners were getting hired, this year only one got hired, or neither."

And for the first time ever, the need for food did not let up over the summer at the Minden Food Bank. Food Bank Manager Joanne Barnes said they've been consistently seeing new people every week.

"We have 75 – 76 new families on our roll," Barnes said. "We have one family living out of their van right now and another fellow living in an unheated trailer. He came in one day last week because he was cold. We know some families are living with no running water and no heat. I don't know what we're going to do. It's worse this year than last year."

Barnes said the normal seasonal fluctuations that they see at the food bank have not happened this year with their numbers up at least 20 per cent throughout the summer and the fall.

"Things are changing rapidly," Barnes said. "It's more and more difficult to keep up with the demand."

Minden is running its usual Christmas Basket program.

"People can call in to order one up until December 10 by calling 705 489-1232 between 10 and 4," Barnes said.

Barnes said the baskets contain a turkey or a ham and "all the fixings for Christmas" plus a gift for each child in the family.

The pick-up date for the hampers is December 22 from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Minden Community Centre. Barnes said there is also the annual community Christmas dinner at the Pepper Mill Restaurant put on by owners Greg and Lisa Turner and St. Paul's Anglican Church. This year, it's being held on December 19 with sittings at either 1 p.m. or 3 p.m.

"It's a really nice Christmas dinner," Barnes said. People can pick up an application for the dinner at the Minden Food Bank and list their child's gender and age and Santa will have a gift waiting for them there. Help with transportation on the day is also available.

Walford-Davis said they do receive lots of support from the community, but this year they need extra help – and in the New Year, they may need to look for a larger space.

"We need a larger space that can accommodate a walk-in fridge to store food," Walford-Davis said. As a member of the Ontario Food Banks Association, they could be receiving donations of refrigerated food, but they don't currently have the storage capacity to do so. "But right now, we're just trying to get through the Christmas basket campaign."

Walford-Davis said the majority of the people they help are the "working poor."

"In many cases, these are families where both parents are working, but after they pay the rent, the fuel and the Hydro, with their minimum wage jobs, they can't afford food. These rising costs are hurting the average family – wages haven't gone up enough to offset the rising cost of living. We need new business here to help offset this need."

As for people abusing the system, Walford-Davis said that's few and far between.

"There are very few who abuse the system, and we know who they are very quickly," she said.

While Walford-Davis called the support they receive "very heartening" for the first time in her 12 years as Chair of the Board, she's worried.

"This is the first time we've been in a pinch like this," Walford-Davis said. "We're hoping with the donations coming in that we'll be able to get through."

The Minden Food Bank is located at 37 Bobcaygeon Rd. and is open Mondays or Wednesdays from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The Minden Food Bank started the Cardiff Community Food Bank about 10 years ago after a call from the public school.

"We took up four or five van loads of food and we got it going," Walford-Davis said.

The food bank in Cardiff is lucky in that they don't have to pay rent – Our Lady of Lords Catholic Church donates space in the basement for their use.

Evelyn Mutis is chair of the board for the Cardiff Food Bank and she said this year, their numbers are pretty well the same as last year.

"We have a registration of about 39 and that's down from a few years ago," Mutis said. "In November, we helped 18 families – that was a total of 37 adults and 20 children."

Mutis attributes that drop in numbers to the simple fact that some families have left to seek work or education in other areas.

"We had two or three families move out to take a course and they've since become gainfully employed," Mutis said. "So that's a change to the positive."

Mutis said they receive support from the Bancroft Food Bank as well.

"We're very blessed – the food comes in from many sources – area churches, organizations, other area food banks, lake associations collected food. People have been so generous this year."

Mutis said the main fluctuations in use of the food bank is when the Hydro bills start to come in. Mutis said with the prices of fuel, the cost of prescriptions and some people's special dietary needs, some families and seniors are really struggling. She said the turning point for a change in their client base is often because of an unexpected illness.

"We're very happy that we're holding our own this year," Mutis said.

Cardiff participates in the Christmas Assistance Program offered by the 4-Cs Food Bank in Haliburton and they are asking anyone in need to call Haliburton directly at 705-457-3331 by Dec. 11. Pick-up date for the vouchers is Dec. 16 at the Cardiff Community Centre from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The Cardiff Community Food Bank is located in the basement of Our Lady of Lords Catholic Church and is open the first and third Tuesday of the month from 11 to 1. But Mutis laughs when asked – like all of the area food banks – in an emergency situation, they're always open. "If anyone needs food they can phone me and I can arrange to meet them. We always have baskets of food made up in advance so there is always food available." Call 613 339-2397.

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POLICE REPORTS

Motor Vehicle Collision and Road Closure on Hwy 118

(Haliburton, ON.) – Officers from the Haliburton Highlands O.P.P. Detachment are investigating a motor vehicle collision that resulted in Hwy 118 being closed in the area of Ablett Court in the Municipality of Algonquin Highlands for approximately nine hours. The collision occurred at approximately 2:10 pm on Thursday, 2Dec10.

An eastbound tractor trailer loaded with 36 tons of road salt failed to negotiate a downhill curve and skidded off the roadway into the north ditch. The truck came to rest on its side where it spilled approximately twenty tons of salt. The truck also snapped off a Hydro/Bell pole and as a result all the lines were lying on the roadway. It was snowing hard and the roads were extremely slippery at the time.

A car also slid off the roadway adjacent to the downed pole and the driver had to wait thirty minutes until Hydro cut the power before he could leave his vehicle.

Neither of the two drivers were injured in the incident.

Hydro, Bell Canada, Ministry of Transportation and Ministry of Environment along with the OPP all responded in a timely manner to ensure the public's safety, reconnect services and clean up the spill.

Traffic was rerouted through West Guilford onto the Green Lake Road and the Stanhope Airport Road. Officers from the Haliburton Highlands Detachment were also kept busy responding to 15 reports of motor vehicle collisions throughout the County of Haliburton. The vast majority of the collisions were minor in nature and did not result in any personal injury.

Members of the public are reminded of the need to drive according to weather and road conditions. ■

Annual Festive Food Drive

(Haliburton, ON.) – Officers from the Haliburton Highlands Detachment will be having their annual "Fill a Cruiser with Food" campaign, in a couple of weeks.

On Monday December 20, 2010, officers will be at the Wilberforce Foodland from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. attempting to fill a cruiser with food. All donated food will then be taken to the Word of Life Food Bank in Wilberforce.

On Tuesday December 21, 2010, officers will be at the Minden Valu-Mart from 10 a.m. until noon. The officers will then proceed over to the Minden Foodland where they will accept donations until 2 p.m. All the donations will then be turned over to Minden Food Bank.

On Wednesday December 22, 2010, officers will be at Todd's Independent from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. trying to fill a cruiser with food. The officers will also be at the Haliburton Foodland from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. All donated food will be given to the 4 C's Food Bank in Haliburton. ■

Devolin announces \$8,000 for Haliburton County Community Co-operative

HALIBURTON – Local MP Barry Devolin, on behalf of the Honourable James Moore, Minister of Canadian Heritage and Official Languages, today announced \$8,000 in funding for the Haliburton County Community Co-operative.

The money will support the Haliburton County Folk Society's series of concerts to be held between April 1, 2011, and March 31, 2012, at three different venues: the Carpenter's Inn, the Haliburton Highlands Museum, and the Northern Lights Pavilion. The concerts will feature a wide range of performers, including both emerging and established artists.

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YWCA Guardian Angel Awards - Sarah Adams joins the Guardian Angel award winners, left to right: Beth Johns, Gerane Tyers, Diane Plouffe, Joanne Barnes and Lindsay MacLean. YWCA executive director Lynn Zimmer and YWCA outreach worker Paul Pepping also share in the moment.

Photo by Mark Arike

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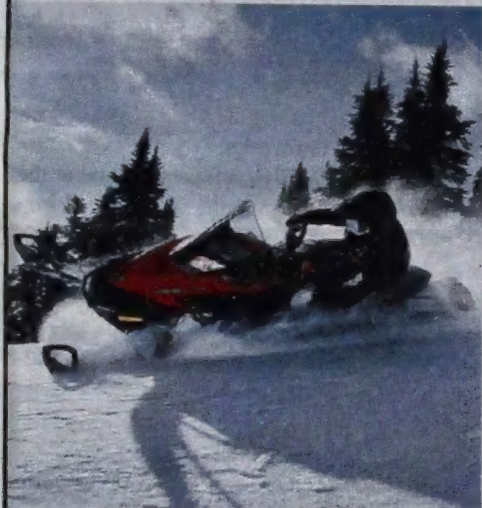
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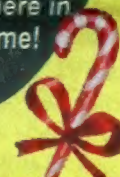


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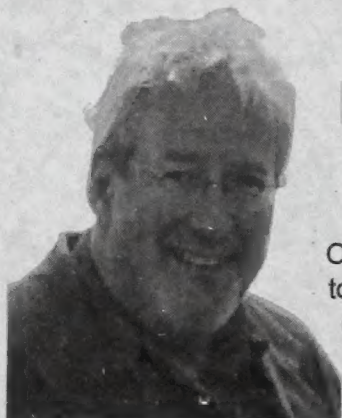


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Editorial VIEWPOINT

By Stephen Patrick



Memories – and determination

Once again on Monday it was time to honour the 16 young women who died at the hand of Marc Lepine some 21 years ago in Montreal. This year eloquent memorials took place both in Minden and in Haliburton – and both stressed the

brutal fact that violence against women is still a constant in our society. As Mark Arike and Lyn Winans report in this issue, both ceremonies were very well attended, albeit without much youthful participation, perhaps because of the ever-widening gap in years since the deranged gunman opened fire on the “feminists”, 16 young engineering students.

Many people continue to assume that events such as the Ecole Polytechnique massacre are simply isolated examples of madness. But the social climate that leads to madness is surely the root cause. Our reporters point to these causes in a couple of other articles in this issue of the Voice: Laura Redman’s report on the deep need for our Food Banks is one; Terrance Gavan’s blast at our forgiving attitude towards casual racism in our society is another.

Still, the hope and persistence of those who wish to change our society for the better certainly ameliorates some of this gloom, even though these social revolutionaries are often pilloried rather than honoured in their own societies. In the 1960s those who promoted some gender-related hiring preferences at the University of Toronto were often seen as approving discrimination. It’s easy to forget that at U of T’s University College right into the 1960s, Professor A.S.P. Woodhouse, the reigning head of the English department simply refused to hire women, no matter how qualified: his tenured staff lecturers and professors were all men. Projections were that even if the policy had UC were to be changed to one of gender neutral hiring, i.e. completely gender blind, it would have taken a century to achieve gender equality. UC has never really recovered from Woodhouse, and still lags behind the other colleges in gender equity. 100 solid years to erase one misogynist’s iron grip on his fiefdom.

This year the deaths of the two women murdered in Tweed by the totally mad Colonel Williams were also honoured. But it should be noted as well that little if any deadly connection was made by the police when report after report surfaced of local home break-ins that involved women’s bedrooms and their contents being tampered with. As Rosie DiManno put it in the Toronto Star, you’d have to think Tweed was “Planet Central” for women’s lingerie freaks not to have realized something weird was going on.

In any event, kudos to those who remember, and to those honoured as Guardians by their contemporaries, including some members of our local OPP. When it comes to hatred directed however insanely at any group we need all the friends we can get. □

Letter of the Week

“We should never forget that we are a community ...”

Dear Editor:

December 5, 2010

Thank you to the many friends and supporters who expressed concern over the story about my supposed “violation” of both the Ontario Elections Act and Privacy Acts.

On October 22nd, all candidates in the recent election were made aware of my alleged misconduct. By November 3rd, there was a petition circulating around town (including in the staff room at Archie Stouffer School) that I had broken the law and should be criminally charged.

I (along with several members of my campaign team) was interviewed by the OPP. This was a new experience for us and we all agreed the OPP were very polite and professional.

I’m happy to report that the OPP contacted me on November 25th and told me the investigation was now complete and that I had done absolutely nothing wrong. The complaints made to the OPP directly and the claims made in the petition were totally unsubstantiated and without merit. Following their extensive investigation, the OPP were satisfied that I and my campaign team had made appropriate use of the Voters List “for election purposes” which is a permitted use.

The haste with which the accusation was disseminated leads me to the unfortunate conclusion that the allegation was motivated by malice. To those who worked so hard to damage my reputation, you need to know there are consequences in making defamatory allegations. This was a hurtful, time-consuming and stressful experience for me.

Although it is understandable that emotions can run high during election campaigns, we should never forget that we are a community that must live together and trust each other to work towards the common good. Let’s work together to create a community where there is no tolerance for defamatory conduct.

I am looking forward to leading your Council for the next four years. I look forward to working with those who join our several Committees of Council. My door is always open and if you ever have a question or concern, please don’t hesitate to contact me before jumping to inappropriate, unfair and accusatory conclusions.

I wish you and your families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Barb Reid
Reeve
Township of Minden Hills

Dear Editor:

Thank you!

Dear Editor:

Thank you Laura Redman for your excellent article in the December 2nd Voice on finding local solutions to local transportation issues. I’d also like to point out that we are a committee of Environment Haliburton!, a local environmental organization that strongly supports positive environmental initiatives.

Finding local solutions such as ride sharing or car sharing for example, will have a three-pronged effect: reduction of greenhouse gas emissions (fewer vehicles on the road), financial savings (as gas costs rise), and meeting the needs of a rural community (providing transport for those who do not drive, or cannot afford a vehicle).

For more information please contact info@environmenthaliburton.ca

Terry Wright. ■

Acclamations Everywhere

Dear Editor:

The votes for the Ward 2 councillors in Algonquin Highlands have finally been counted but they are hiding something wrong with the crude manner in which we elect representatives at all levels of government.

Some may say that Gerald Bain’s votes, 867, were surprisingly high given the effective campaign mounted against the airport expansion. Can we assume that at least 1202 people, Liz Danielsen’s supporters, voted reciprocally for Lisa Barry who had 1211 votes? Did Gerald Bain’s supporters refrain from marking two X’s, all 867 of them?

The County Voice editorial of December 2 pointed out that none of the elected councillors have previous council experience and yet they will choose, not the electors, who will proceed to the County Council with a Reeve who was acclaimed, to join, by the way, two other county council members who were also acclaimed, Dysart Reeve Fearrey and Minden Deputy Reeve, Cheryl Murdoch.

This matter of numerous acclamations may be what led the Algonquin Highlands council into the airport fiasco in the first place. In 2003, 4 candidates including the reeve were acclaimed. In 2006, two councillors were acclaimed. Yet in all those elections including this last one there were 7 candidates for five positions.

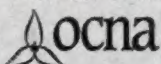
Elections in a democracy are too important to be treated in such a casual manner. The problem goes well beyond the misprinted ballots of Ward 2 and the mis-allocation of scarce tax dollars on a contentious airport project.

Jim Milne
West Guilford ■

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Dear Editor:

'Not surprising, but certainly disappointing.'

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More or less the reaction of Gerald Bain, former CAO (and more) and non-winning candidate in this county's longest ever election campaign.

Mr Bain showed grace and style in defeat and, though my vote did not go his way, the choice was a lot more difficult for me than many of my friends might think; After all, it's pretty hard to go against a guy with that much direct, local experience who also has a platform centred on reasonable approaches to the pressing points of the day.

"Not surprising, but certainly disappointing." also applies to the reported reactions of the outgoing Reeve of Algonquin Highlands to the conduct and outcome of the Ward 2 election and, even more unfortunately, to Ms Harrison's pronouncements on the controversial airport expansion proposal.

In reference to last week's page 1 story, "Stanhope Airport Decision In The Wings", to be perfectly honest, I thought that I had written my last letter to the editor on this subject; Soon to be ex-Reeve Harrison and the pro-expansion majority of the out-going council forfeited their moral (and quite probably legal) authority to act on or directly influence the future of the massively unpopular project as of the closing date for nominations for the recent elections. Three of the four die-hard supporters of the proposal declined to run for re-election and the fourth, in spite of a last minute change of approach, was soundly defeated at the polls.

Really, that should be all that need be said, one would think...Right?

I have no problem with Ms Harrison's continued support of the project, and I have never expected that I, or anyone else, could ever change her personal convictions in this matter.

There is something a bit more than mere personal opinion, however, about Ms Harrison's continued campaign of mis-information (dis-information) and fear-mongering as she heads out the door.

This wouldn't seem so bad, or at least no worse than an unflattering case of sour grapes, except that it appears that the out-going council – apparently with the same voting division as always – has actually decided that, if they do get all of the required papers in place before the newly elected council is inaugurated, they will set the bulldozers and chainsaws loose to start the construction of the second runway.

So, a bit of a review of the soon-to-be-former Reeves' comments might be in order:

MP Barry Devolins' office did, indeed, go to bat for the townships' rehabilitation of the airport as a completely separate phase, recognizing it as both necessary and outside the environmental assessment requirements of the "expansion phase" of the proposal. Repayment of the 2/3 Federal/Provincial funding for this is not in question. If Ms Harrison has documents proving otherwise, I would love to see them.

Attentive readers of this paper will also recall that Mr Devolin stated in an open letter that, among much else, "I respect the rights of current councils to proceed with their priorities, but I ask them to respect the rights of future councils to do the same thing. Decisions should not be made at the 11th hour that bind future councils' ability to do their jobs" (Letter to the Editor – County Voice August 19, 2010)

Clauses within the BCF funding agreement (particularly 4.7) allow the recipient, upon immediate notification to BCF, to change its' intention to proceed with no penalty beyond the forfeiture of the 2/3 repayment of funds already spent; In other words: if you don't spend it, you don't lose it. That doesn't sound so hard, does it?

Ms Harrison, somewhat embarrassed, had to admit during a council meeting this past summer that she was unaware of the effective dates for the BCF funding agreement and it appears that she has not taken the time to read it since then. Or she hopes that we haven't.

Yes, it is fairly likely that there will be costs involved with stopping this project, but they will be nothing compared to the cost of going forward and they will only be higher if the outgoing council takes any action to proceed.

In any case, as I said a few hundred words ago, the outgoing council gave up their authority in this matter a long time ago.

I have never hesitated to give credit to Ms Harrison, and the councils that have served with her over so many years, for the otherwise excellent service and management they have provided their constituents. I hope that she and the other departing council members will do nothing to further darken the memories that I and others would like to keep.

Andy J Muirhead
Vice President and Research Director – MBC
Denizen of Little Cameron Lake – Stanhope ■



Snow Day

The snow covered the county on Wednesday, Dec. 1 resulting in several accidents on slick roads (see pg. 2 for OPP reports). A snow-covered Burks Rd. in Haliburton.

Photo by Mark Arike

"I encourage the ex-reeve to do the right thing..."

Dear Editor:

The taxpayers of Algonquin Highlands have just elected a new municipal council, the members of which are unanimously opposed to the proposed new runway at the Stanhope airport.

Because there was an error in the ballot in Ward 2 and the by-election was held on Nov.29, the swearing-in of the new council has been delayed until Dec.14, leaving the taxpayers of AH in what has been described as a "No Man's Land" between councils.

Normally the term of the council would finish on Nov 30, with the new council taking power at their swearing-in as soon as possible after Nov.30.

There is a concern that the ex-reeve is hoping to receive the report of the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency report before Dec.14 so she can take advantage of the "No Man's Land" technicality to notify the contractor to proceed with the construction, this in defiance of the will of the people expressed with their votes in the election.

I encourage the ex-reeve to do the right thing, to acknowledge and accept the will of the people, and to announce that she will leave the matter of airport expansion in its entirety to the new council to deal with after they are sworn in on Dec.14.

Tom Fitzsimmons
1656 Barry Line Road
Algonquin Highlands ■

The Fox in the Henhouse

Dear Editor:

Our children are being brain-washed. The dangerous new concept of "climate prosperity" which is the slick marketing spin brought to us by the oil industry, wants us to believe that there's an up-side to climate change. And it's being taught to our children via posters and lesson plans paid for by Suncor—the Alberta tar sands' largest developer.

This is shameless propaganda. The National Round Table on Environment and Economy (NRTEE) and the Canadian Geographic Society have completely lost their credibility by issuing this misleading "Don't worry be happy" campaign to kids in junior and middle schools across Canada.

"There is no study behind this poster, and many of the references are wrong or misquoted," says Elizabeth May, leader of the Green Party of Canada—recently named by Newsweek magazine as one of the most influential women in the world. Many Canadian climate scientists are joining her in protesting this dangerous messaging tool.

The poster implies that the impacts of a two degree rise in global temperatures will be moderate and mostly affect only the polar bears. In truth, scientists have predicted an extinction rate of up to 30% of all species globally. As well, it could accelerate the already steep decline of marine micro-organisms that create the world's oxygen supply. Is there a silver lining to climate change? For those hoping that global warming will extend their golf season—your joy may be short-lived if there's not enough oxygen to get you around the links.

Why is our government allowing a tar sands company to feed its propaganda directly to our children? Listen up. The fox is in the henhouse. And he's singing those fluffy little chicks a lullaby, while heating up the frying pan.

Susanne Lauten
Federal Candidate, Green Party of Canada
Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock ■

RE: "Out of their gourds?" In response to the Letter to the Editor, Nov 25th edition

Dear Editor:

Although I am not disputing this gentleman's right to his opinion and his obvious negative stance on smoking and smokers, I am appalled by the last line in his letter, (which I do not even wish to repeat), but the implication is obvious.

How dare he put down and dismiss this woman in this way! As I see it this "lady" acknowledges that smoking is not a healthy habit, is cooperative and considerate in her efforts to not inflict her secondhand smoke on anyone else and is concerned about the health and influence on our youth. She is simply defending her right to smoke outside, without having to walk a kilometer or so to do it.

By my calculations this couple started to smoke in a time when it was considered acceptable and even in some cases encouraged. They have smoked for most of their lives, and if he started to smoke in 1951, is now likely at least in his 70's. We are all aware of the dangers of smoking and secondhand smoke, which is why most smokers have been cooperative and agreeable for the most part in all the restrictions enforced on us by the non-smoking campaigns.

I guess with all the information available about the evils of smoking, he still doesn't seem to realize how extremely difficult it is to "simply" quit. There is nothing simple about it, especially the longer a person has smoked. It is not only a physical addiction, but also becomes psychological. And rather than show some compassion and respect, would dismiss and condemn those of us who still smoke.

If it was that easy to do, does he really think that so many of us in this day and age, would still smoke? We have taken our habit outside and done everything we can do as smokers to alleviate the affect that our smoke has on those who do not wish to breathe it. With all due respect I would challenge him to please tell me where he is affected and bothered by secondhand smoke these days?

It is obvious that he is a person who wishes to eliminate tobacco smoke from the world or at least his own environment, and good for him! But the ease with which he puts this woman down tells me that it is not out of any concern for her health or well-being. For whatever reasons, I would suggest that if he is serious about his cause, instead of condemning those of us who have for the most part been agreeable and considerate towards his right to not breathe our secondhand smoke, he should instead take his fight to our government.

As the sale of cigarettes and smoking over the age of 19 is still legal and our government makes a great deal of money off the taxes of tobacco sales, perhaps some of this money could be put towards promoting and making smoking-cessation aids more readily available and affordable. How about opening stores solely for the purpose? Like the "Tobacconists" of old. Stores that sell only products to assist smokers in their multiple efforts to quit. There are many...Nicorettes in various flavors, ordinary chewing gum, patches, lettuce cigarettes, filters that remove or reduce nicotine, small toys to fiddle with to keep the hands and mind otherwise occupied, etc. etc. etc.

Put them all in one convenient location in an encouraging and positive environment at discounted prices.

G. Mercadante
Haliburton ■

Thanks to volunteers

Dear Editor:

On behalf of The Royal Canadian Legion, Douglas C. Hatch (Ont. No. 624) Branch, Wilberforce I would like to thank everyone from Wilberforce, Haliburton and area who attended our annual Wildlife dinner on December 4th and Sandy Brown for bringing 20+ people again. Thank you to the fellow Comrades who volunteered to help, with special thanks to our "Ladies Auxiliary" (pie baking) Marg Jones (co-ordinating) Brenda and Bill Boomhouer (meat slicing) Kelly Moore and Dee Robichaud (table serving area set up) Mike Suric (sausage preparation and valuable information).

All this combined is what makes our events a success and helps to keep our Legion alive for our Veterans, their families and our community.

Have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year and mark your calendars for our Wildlife dinner next year on "December 3, 2011".

Brian Eves,
Ways and Means Chairman ■

Reid speaks to the past; looks to the future

(from page 1)

In her inaugural address, Reid noted that it was a very special evening in Minden Hills. She pointed to improvements in Minden in recent years – including the new library, the RiverWalk, the snowmobile bridge and the water tower – and said that federal and provincial dollars that helped pay for those projects may be harder to come by in the future.

“We’re committed to finding ways to foster development in a financially sustainable way,” Reid said. “We have great ideas, enthusiasm and community spirit at this table... and a very experienced and capable municipal staff.

“If we work together, I’m confident that this team will be successful.”

Reid then invited the councillors to speak and one by one, they thanked the community for the confidence placed in them.

Returning Councillor, Lisa Schell looked around at the full council chambers and said she hoped that future meetings would also have such a great attendance. Brigitte Gall said she was humbled by the experience of being at the table, calling the community a “very, very, very large extended family.”

Veteran council member and Deputy Reeve Cheryl Murdoch pointed to her longtime school



Minden celebrated its new council in style on Monday evening. From left, Councillor Larry Clarke, Councillor Brigitte Gall, Councillor Lisa Schell, Reeve Barb Reid, Councillor Jean Neville, Deputy Reeve Cheryl Murdoch and Councillor Ken Redpath.

board experience and two previous terms on council, and said the township staff were deserving of applause as well. Larry Clarke said he was honoured by the trust placed on him. “I’m prepared to work hard to ensure prosperity and opportunity for all.”

Jean Neville said she knew she had a lot to learn as a first-time council member. “But I hope we can do some great things as well.”

Speaking last, Ken Redpath said the council is “the custodians of a sacred trust to the taxpayers for the tax dollars they collect.

“We need to always remember we’re in the customer service business,” Redpath said. “And I’m very excited to work with such a wonderful council.”

Reid finished the formal part of the evening by announcing the appointment of each councillor as chair of a portfolio, and each one appeared to be matched to his or her individual interest and/or strengths.

Reid will sit as ex-officio member of all committees and is especially responsible for doctor recruitment. Murdoch is responsible for Protec-



County Clerk Cheryl McCarroll witnesses the swearing in of Reeve Barb Reid in Minden on Monday night.

Photos by Laura Redman

tion to Persons and Property Planning and Development; Clarke – Personnel and Economic Development; Schell – Environment and Property Operations; Gall – Youth, Culture and Community Engagement; Redpath – Finance and Roads; Neville – Parks and Recreation.

The formal part of the evening ended with a reception in the anterior of the council chambers offering treats and beverages to those in attendance, as well as an opportunity to chat to the new and returning council members. ■

Reeve Fearrey keeps tone light at Dysart inaugural

(from page 1)

Returning Reeve Murray Fearrey introduced township Clerk Tammy McKelvey – by saying, “She’s still a little bit awkward still because of her broken ankle, but other than that she’s extremely competent,” as laughter broke out in the council chambers.

McKelvey is still in a wheelchair since she broke her right ankle in early November, and joined in the fun by introducing Deputy Clerk Cheryl Coulson as her “right leg”. She then congratulated the new council on behalf of the staff, and introduced each department head in turn as they stood to speak briefly to their departments and to congratulate the council members.



Dysart council celebrated their new offices Monday morning with a light lunch and then got right down to business. Back row, from left, Deputy Reeve, Bill Davis, Councillor Dennis Casey, Councillor Steve Pogue and Councillor Walt McKechnie. Front Row, from left, Councillor Susan Norcross, Reeve Murray Fearrey and Councillor Andrea Roberts.

Photo by Laura Redman

Fearrey spoke at the end of the informal ceremony, saying that he’s very proud of the Dysart staff – and their commitment to the township.

“That’s been one of the successes that Dysart

has had over the years, we’ve had staff that we were able to keep and hopefully move up – as our current treasurer did – she started out on the front counter and worked her way up to the treasurer job,” Fearrey said. “That’s the way the system should work.”

Fearrey also pointed out that the recent election had focused on one major issue and said he trusted with the calibre of councillors that none had made any foolish promises to constituents within that issue.

“Dave Burton, you’re absolutely correct. This is a team effort and the way the structure here works, is that we have a bunch of committees that go off in different direction and we review those annually, but the committees only bring recommendations back to council,” Fearrey added, turning to McKechnie. “Walt, if I can relate it to playing hockey, not everybody is on the ice at the same time, but we’re all part of the team.

“We’re not going to all agree at the same time – and that’s the way it should be, you should be able to voice your opinion – but at the end of the day when a decision is made, the decision is made.”

Fearrey handed out some advice to the new councillors – saying they need to remember the bottom line – whenever you make a decision – no matter how small – you affect someone.

“You need to remember that when you’re thinking through the process here – can I do that for everyone else in the township, or did I do that for some other reason, or because it was ex-

pedient for me as an individual,” Fearrey said.

“If you make a hasty decision without thinking it through, it will come back to bite you at some point... so if you make that decision, make sure you know where you’re going with it.

“Think about it – what’s the impact on the municipality and what’s the ability of the people to pay for it and then, the bottom line is, after you’ve done it, what’s the future cost going to be.”

Fearrey then spoke to some of the current issues in Dysart – including the need for more affordable housing, better paying jobs.

“We have to think about those people, not just an elite group. It’s a challenge folks – and these are challenging times,” Fearrey said. “Last month, we created 25,000 part-time jobs in Canada like at Tim Horton’s, but we lost 11,000 full-time jobs. What’s that tell you – with what’s going on... when you look at what’s going on in Europe and the United States, we’re in for a rough ride here.

“So everything we need to do – we need to be progressive but we also need to be cautious and do things that people can pay for in our term, preferably... this municipality is fiscally sound and as a team at the end of four years when we turn this over to whoever, that we leave it as good or even better than it was.”

Fearrey summed up his comments by saying to much laughter, “I’m not going to preach at you any longer, I’ll be preaching at you for four years. You were sworn in this morning, but you may be sworn at before long.” ■



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Brian Nicholson
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4-C's Manager says client numbers creep up over the winter

(from page 2)

Rose Barry is the manager of the 4-Cs Food Bank in Haliburton. She said they aren't seeing the same pattern that Minden is reporting in numbers and attributes that to more construction work – and more work in general – being available in Haliburton.

Barry said their numbers normally creep up over the winter because of seasonal employment – in January, 2010, they helped 123 families – and in November, 116.

She said they are able to give out turkeys at Thanksgiving – 100 this year – and each month they support more than 100 families with the purchase of a Good Food Box – and a lot of that money comes from the Lily Ann Thrift Store.

"If it wasn't for the store here, we wouldn't be doing half of what we do," Barry said.

But Barry said the community is extremely generous as well.

"I can't say enough about this community. People just come in here and write us a cheque," Barry said. For the third year, the 4-Cs is giving out Christmas Food Vouchers with their Christmas Assistance Program instead of baskets so people can buy whatever they want.

"We get receipts of what they buy and most people are very sensible," Barry said.

The 4-Cs is open Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to noon. To order a Christmas voucher, call 705-457-3331 by Dec. 11. The pick-up in Haliburton is on Dec. 16 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The 4-Cs also supplies the Wilberforce area with the Christmas Assistance program. Except for Dec. 16, the 4-Cs Food Bank will be closed from Dec. 11 until January 13 – the Lily Ann Store reopens on Jan. 3. They are asking that the community please do not donate any donations during this seasonal closing.

Wilberforce Word of Life Emergency Food and Clothing Outreach is managed by Ken Mott and he said they're also seeing a lot more people coming in to their food bank – and not just people who are out of work.

"We're seeing a lot of low wage earners coming through the door," Mott said. "They can't stay on welfare, so they end up taking any job, but there's not enough money to pay the bills and to buy food."

The Word of Life food bank has 120 clients in their database and is different in that they will deliver food to families in their homes.

"A lot of people don't have wheels, so we do deliver," Mott said. "I pretty much do it all." Because of that service, they've received calls from as far away as Kinmount and Mott said, yeah, he's gone there too.

While their numbers are up a bit this year, Mott said December is usually the month that tells the tale. His food bank is also unique in that they will help people out as much as they can – often two or three times a month and base that response on individual need.

The Word of Life is a division of Lake St. Peter Food Bank out of Maynooth in Hastings County and they share food between the two. However, Mott said all monetary donations received in Wil-



Longtime 4-Cs Food Bank volunteer and board member Judy MacDuff said that as of Tuesday they had received 282 calls for vouchers through their Christmas Assistance Program that is open to residents of Haliburton, Cardiff and Wilberforce. MacDuff said the vouchers work sort of like traveller's cheques, allowing the recipient to sign off at the grocery store of their choice for food items and allowing some independence in selection of items. This is the third year the 4-Cs has used the vouchers instead of the traditional Christmas Hampers.

Photo by Laura Redman

berforce stay in Wilberforce and other area food banks are good to them as well.

"Haliburton and Minden are very good to us," Mott said. "They're very nice people – all of them. They're always trying to help us out."

Mott said being in a small community, they know the families who need help – but that also creates difficulty in the stigma attached to using the food bank.

"People sometimes ask me to come down and meet them outside of our regular hours – so I do that, or sometimes I just deliver the food right to them," Mott said. "We're a church-based organization. We're not here to judge."

The Word of Life has to pay rent for their space and during the winter, that is often a struggle Mott said. "Our landlady is very understanding, and we make it up eventually. But we never have excess."

Mott said that their folks are invited to use the 4-Cs Christmas Assistance program, but he also often ends up delivering baskets on Christmas Eve to those who were missed or for those who needed a bit more.

"I usually spend Christmas Eve delivering food," Mott said. "We always say we're going to get ahead of that – we said that last year – but it never quite works out that way."

Mott said those that can give in the community are very generous and this year, he even received cheques from people who have moved out of the area. The Word of Life also offers clothing and has a medical emergency fund to help locals with unexpected medical costs.

"Every penny we get goes back to the community," Mott said. "If you have a doctor's appointment and you need gas, we'll put gas in the vehicle – you get the gas, we pay the station. We've helped some people get their teeth done and we've paid for prescriptions if they don't have a drug plan."

The Wilberforce Word of Life Emergency Food and Clothing Outreach also has clothing and is open Wednesdays and Fridays from 12 to 3 p.m. and Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Call 705 448-9707. To participate in the Christmas Assistance Program from Wilberforce, call the 4-Cs in Haliburton at 705-457-3331 by Dec. 11, and pick-up for the vouchers in Wilberforce is at the Wilberforce Fire Hall on Dec. 16 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. ■

Local band hosts community dance in support of Dillon Tilley

The recent story about Dillon Tilley in the County Voice has sparked a local band to hold a benefit community dance on Dec. 10 at the Carnarvon Bowl.

Steve Main said Tilley is a friend of his daughters, Camille and Lainey, so he and his band, The String Dusters, are hosting a musical evening to raise some money for Tilley.

"This is about local people, helping out local people," said Main. "It's meant to be a community event." Main's son Ferron – who plays in the band – is also a Haliburton High School student, and he encouraged his dad to get involved in current fundraising

efforts for Tilley.

The dance will feature other local entertainers – including the Dubarry Blackfly Band and many more – and an open mike during intermission will be available to area musicians or poets.

The evening is all in support of Tilley, the 18-year-old Haliburton High School student, who is currently facing a serious battle with cancer.

Tilley was diagnosed with a late stage of Hodgkin's Lymphoma when he was 16, and after several rounds of radiation, suffered a setback earlier this year when the cancer reoccurred. He's now

facing a stem cell transplant at Princess Margaret Hospital in late December.

Main said the dance will be alcohol free so high school students and entire families can show up and have a good time, and there will be pop and baked goods available to purchase.

The dance starts at 8 p.m. and goes until 1 a.m. with admission by donation to the fundraising effort for Dillon Tilley.

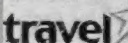
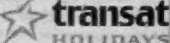
"This is just showing a little human compassion," said Main. "We're doing what we can here to help ease this family's current hardship." ■

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There's a new team in town

By Will Jones

"We see Tuuluuwak as the jewel in the crown of the true winter experience that we offer at Martinwood,"
Barb Shaw, Martinwood Resort

Tuuluuwak Sleddogs has moved from Quebec into Haliburton County to take advantage of the fantastic trails that the area has to offer.

The sledding outfit, owned and operated by Steven Laviolette, has partnered with the Martinwood Resort near Harcourt and is offering sled tours ranging from one hour to one week in duration to guests and visitors alike.

"Ontario and Haliburton County is our new base and we're looking forward to bringing our existing clients to the area, and attracting new ones to sledding, too," says Laviolette. "The move has been hard work, especially with such a large 'family' and by that I mean my wife, baby son and 21 Siberian huskies, but we're settled in now and starting to enjoy the wintery conditions."

Laviolette chose to base himself in Harcourt after finding out about the potential of the area. "There are 10,000 acres of crown land just around the corner and the beautiful Algonquin Park, too," he grins. "I can't wait to explore the area fully."

On behalf of Martinwood Resort, Barb Shaw, says: "We've just started to work with Steven and we see Tuuluuwak as the jewel in the crown of the true winter experience that we offer at Martinwood. He is a true musher."

"We feel very lucky to have him working with us and to be able to offer visitors

a chance to sled our trails and really connect with nature."

There's nothing that this well known dog man from the Laurentian Mountains in Quebec likes more than being out on a run with his huskies.

Born into a dog sledding dynasty stretching back to his great grandfather and a family that has hunted, trapped in the Quebec bush for generations, Laviolette was sledding before he could walk.

At one point, he built up a sledding business that at saw him owning 97 huskies and one of the largest outfitting operations in the Laurentian Mountains.

He worked with hotels, organising and running tours for guests, taking them out on the sleds for anything from one hour jaunts to two week trips.

However, this new venture in Ontario has come about due to a wanderlust that Laviolette believes will eventually take him clear across the country to northern BC.

"We aim to get there sometime in the future because the winters stretch out so long: it's the perfect place for sledding. But, Haliburton County is more than a temporary stop-off, it's a chance to put down some roots and get to know another beautiful part of Canada."

If you get the chance to visit Tuuluuwak Sleddogs this winter you'll be able to meet Sumo, Laviolette's main lead dog and a bounding pack of pups, who are now well on their way to becoming important members of his beloved sled teams.

This mountain man musher, his wife, toddler and 21 dogs are settling into their new life and looking forward to a long white winter.

Tuuluuwak Sled Dogs can be contacted via email (tuuluuwak@hotmail.com) by phone (705)-448-1920 or via the Tuuluuwak sled-dogs Facebook page. □

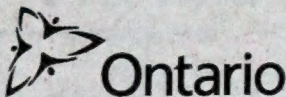
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Tourism plans spark mixed reactions

By Liz Danielsen

A recent information session on how the province's newly created regional tourism organizations will function resulted in some very mixed reactions from local tourism operators.

The regional tourism organization, called RTO-11 to date, will now be known as Ontario's Highlands Tourism Organization. The OHTO encompasses the Haliburton Highlands, the Ottawa Valley, Bancroft, Lanark County, Comfort Country, Land O'Lakes Tourism, the Rideau Heritage Route Tourism Association, the Algonquin Way Cultural Centre and the Algonquins of Pikwàkanagàn.

Tourism operators from across Haliburton County filled the meeting room at the Pinestone Resort to hear presentations from Nicole Whiting, Coordinator for the OHTO, Richard Innes from Brain Trust Marketing and Bev Quirt, Tourism Industry Advisor with the Ministry of Tourism and Culture about the approach to analyzing existing services and how the region will be marketed throughout the province and worldwide.

Bob Smith, Director of Economic Development & Tourism for the County, said that the organization had a goal to double tourism by 2020. "We want to bring stakeholders together to oversee the development of a new product."

But Smith also said that it was the Ministry's mandate that tourism in the region would be industry led.

There was a great deal of enthusiasm voiced by those in attendance for the work being proposed over the next few months by the OHTO which is one of the largest regions in the province. Attendees were particularly keen to see the results of the 'premier ranked tourism destination framework,' an audit that will carefully review existing tourism assets, make recommendations for improvements and create a plan for marketing those assets.

Since the organization was developed an office has been established in Pembroke, staff hired, the organization incorporated as Ontario's Highlands, a government structure has been developed and strategic planning is under way.

Smith said that one of the primary objectives is to establish quantifiable benchmarks for growth in the region.

"What does that mean to you?" Smith asked. "It means that you will have a realistic opportunity to impact your bottom line through a collective effort."

Getting into more detail, Whiting reviewed the mandate of the OHTO which is to coordinate the diverse interests of the tourism industry in order to build and support a competitive tourism region through marketing and product development. As part of the process, the organization will partner with established and recognized tourism organizations, municipalities and other like entities within the region.

It wasn't long before one member of the audience commented that he saw the OHTO as simply another level of bureaucracy that would ultimately not be able to serve the target group that it is supposed to be serving.

Whiting acknowledged that the Ministry is aware of this type of concern, but said that this was their first opportunity to get the industry engaged. "We're doing our best to get our communication strategy in place," she said.

Innes, who has been hired to assist with strategic direction said, "The success of the RTO doesn't rest with the board. It rests with you and your industry."

He said, "This is about engaging and understanding what tourism will look like in the foreseeable future. It's all about destination development on a regional level and we want to create a mechanism for dialogue with you."

"The process is all about focussing on new reasons to visit the region through product development and marketing."

Innes spoke at length about destination development, focusing on the things that need to be improved and what can be done locally to improve the experiences being offered to guests to the area.

"We need to bring ourselves up to speed on industry training; fine tune and tweak our products and be market ready through packaging and e-commerce. We also need to equip ourselves for the on-line world."

"We need to find out why people are coming here, what the gaps are and the opportunities that are available."

Innes said that by looking at all of the opportunities through the premier ranked process the OHTO could begin to connect the dots and identify exactly what to pursue. He reviewed marketing imperatives, branding and positioning the region.

He also talked about the importance of developing an on-line strategy given the direction of travellers to search out and shop for experiences on line. "We need our own website to talk to our customers."

According to Innes the Transition Board is also talking about establishing a central reservation system which has proved to be extremely successful in other area.

Innes also stressed the need for a group of local champions to become involved in their work. "We're seeking people to step up and become involved. We also want to capture and inventory anything to do with tourism in the Region and in order to do that we need your help."

Quirt talked about the success of the premier ranked process in Prince Edward County. "We brought together arts, tourism, culture and agriculture. At first people found the process to be a bit invasive, but in the end a strong and successful alliance was formed. People found resources that they didn't know they had."

While the province has committed base funding through to 2012 there was no commitment for funds to continue to support the province's tourism organizations beyond that point. Whiting and Smith explained that to make the process sustainable, the province is recommending a levy of anywhere between one and three percent; a levy to be collected through area accommodators.

And that is when the mood in the room started to take a turn. The idea of an additional tax was a hard pill to swallow despite estimates by the Ministry of Finance that a three percent level would bring as much as \$1.1 million dollars annually into the tourism organization to continue to market the region.

Frank Vismeg, the Managing Director of the Pinestone voiced support for the program overall, but suggested that it was unfair to ask accommodators to charge the tax while other tourism operators benefited. Vismeg also pointed out that larger resorts and inns would be contributing the lion's share of the financing.

However, Vismeg also said, "If we don't do this, we will be at a disadvantage to Muskoka."

On hearing the concerns being voiced about the prospect of a levy, Innes suggested everyone wait and gauge the success of the OHTO before deciding on the benefits of a new levy.

The Haliburton Highlands are presently being represented by County staffers Bob Smith and Amy Brohm. However early in 2011 the OHTO will be represented by a formal board that will include two representatives from the County. As political representation is precluded, Smith suggested that either he or Brohm continue as one representative and one individual be chosen from private industry.

Dale Rider, owner of the Buttermilk Falls Resort, later admitted to having some concerns about the process, particularly for small operators. But she also said that overall she was looking at the efforts in the region in a very positive way.

"If we band together and all actually get involved the pro-

cess could work. The income that we generate will be spent on Ontario's Highlands. I believe that if we want to be represented, we need to be involved. This is a good opportunity for small business owners to be represented."

"You either throw your hands up in the air in frustration with the bureaucracy, or we make sure that we help to create the brand, and in that way we can seriously benefit."

Both Rider and Sally Moore, Sunny Rock B&B owner said that Toronto's successes prove that the process works. Moore, however, said that she was uncomfortable with the fact that a new tax and resulting higher rates could have an impact on her business.

"We might get away with a one percent increase, but if we're looking at a total tax of 16 percent, it will be a much more difficult sell to our perspective customers."

Moore suggested that it shouldn't be as simple as a percentage from accommodators. She recognized that many of the smaller tourism businesses were struggling, but said, "Any tourism related organization could pay a flat fee towards marketing. Maybe a percentage could come from the accommodators and others could pay a flat fee."

Moore also had some thoughts on who should ultimately sit on the board. She said, "The interim board has decided on a criteria of who will participate, but I think that the criteria should have more input from the tourism operators. If the accommodators are to be the sole income for the organization's coffers, we should have more involvement on who should sit on the board." Smith later said that the meeting in Haliburton had the largest attendance from both the tourism sector and politicians of the four information sessions held.

Although Smith admitted that the group got somewhat mired in questions about the proposed levy he saw the process as an opportunity to leverage the region's marketing efforts and reach out to new markets under the 'Ontario's Highlands' banner.

Meanwhile, the OHTO is seeking help from individuals with a variety of skills on several committees including product development and marketing. There will also be a local champions committee who will work within the premier ranked process.

For more information on the OHTO check out www.ottawavalley.travel or call the Haliburton Tourism Information Centre at 1-800-461-7677. □



County of Haliburton Inaugural Session of County Council

The Council of the County of Haliburton wishes to provide PUBLIC NOTICE that the Inaugural Session of Haliburton County Council will take place on Tuesday, December 14th, 2010 commencing at 7:00 p.m. in the County Administration Building located at 11 Newcastle Street in Minden. The public is welcome to attend.
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Haliburton County Echo Managing Editor Jenn Watt addressed the crowd gathered at the Minden Legion on the National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women.

Photo by Lyn Winans

A victory despite subject matter

By Lyn Winans

Almost 60 people gathered at the Minden Legion #636 last Monday to commemorate the National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women. The annual remembrance was prompted by the murder of 14 women who were gunned down on December 6th at Montreal's École Polytechnique twenty-one years ago.

Bob McKay, of Neighbours, Friends and Families, opened the session and stressed that violence against women is a "social issue" and that more men need to get involved if there is to be a solution.

Guest speaker Jenn Watt has worked actively on women's issues and brought the topic close to home. She presented numerous Haliburton County statistics, indicating that the

abuse of women is on the rise locally despite efforts of social services agencies, police and education programs.

"According to the local YWCA, there were more crisis calls to their Haliburton line last year than the year before – a nine per cent increase. This year, six months into their fiscal year, they had reached 422 crisis and support calls. They saw 200 women during the last year. Assuming that about 40 per cent of women don't seek assistance, which is about 400 women, at least, in the county looking for help out of an abusive situation."

Watt, who is managing editor of the Haliburton Echo and Minden Times, said that local media need to get more involved in issues related to violence against women, and bring the facts out in the open in the same way that other crimes of violence are reported.

On a more positive and personal note, Watt recounted conversations with her grandmother and mother who had both attended universities. In her grandmother's day, the student body consisted of 25 percent female students: that number rose to 50 percent during her mother's student years, and hit 70 percent when Watt herself attended university. That's an increase of almost 300 percent in just three generations.

Marc Lépine's slaughter at École Polytechnique has certainly not resulted in what he had hoped: he has not terrorized women, and he has not kept them from their rightful place in higher education, and the pursuit of professional careers. Although he killed 14 female engineering students that day, he hasn't extinguished the dreams of little girls throughout the nation.

As is the tradition, roses were laid in memory of women whose lives were cut short by violence, their names were read aloud, and they were remembered. The most recent in the news were Jessica Lloyd and Marie France Comeau, the victims of Russell Williams. Most however, die without national coverage, and their families and loved ones are left to deal with the outcomes of violence alone.

Finally, in what was the undoubted highlight of the afternoon, the Haliburton Highlands male chorus directed by Melissa Stephens gave a tremendous performance. This group of talented gentlemen performed its final piece to a standing ovation before everyone enjoyed a lunch hosted and served by the men of Legion Branch #636. ■



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Sarah Adams of the YWCA presents Joanne Barnes with a Guardian Angel award for her work on the Fuel for Warmth program.

Local women honoured on sombre anniversary date

By Mark Arike

Exactly 21 years ago, on Dec. 6, an enraged gunman by the name of Marc Lepine stormed through Montreal's École Polytechnique and killed 14 female engineering students. The tragic event spurred a movement across the country to annually honour those lives lost, and continually fight against violence towards women.

For the second year in a row, members of the community gathered at Fleming's Haliburton campus on Monday to take a stand against violence, not just towards women but all members of society.

Outstanding women in the community were also recognized during the Guardian Angel Award Ceremony hosted by the YWCA Peterborough, Victoria and Haliburton.

"In the women's movement, we pause and remember all of the women who have been hurt or murdered by their abusive partners," said YWCA executive director Lynn Zimmer, before revealing some alarming facts in her opening remarks.

"This year, for Ontario alone, the list includes 19 names – those are the women whose partners have been charged with murder or have committed suicide," said Zimmer.

In addition, each year about 300 women and children go to live at YWCA shelters to escape the cycle of violence and abuse, added Zimmer.

"The courage of all these women and children who survive abuse is inspiring," she said.

A discussion panel consisting of six women in the community went further into the topic of abuse, examining its various forms and explaining what the word means to them.

"When I hear the word abuse, what comes to mind is community," explained Karen Anderson, elder abuse coordinator for Community Care Health and Support Services, "because it [abuse] impacts every single person in our community."

OPP Const. Val Jarvis compared abuse to cancer: if not "nipped in the bud" early on the consequences can be deadly.

"It's terrorism for the entire family. Once it starts – either between a partner and significant other, or a parent and child – that abuse spreads throughout the family, then it spreads through friends," said Jarvis, adding that kids model the actions of their parents, and therefore usually carry the abusive trend forward.

For high school teacher and writer Cynthia Mitchell, abuse has many faces and its warning signs can vary.

"Abuse for me is the subtleties that you see," said Mitchell. "Any time that you don't allow someone to be who they are to the fullest is an example of that."

Moderator Roxanne Casey went on to ask the panel questions that created conversation about the justice system, the constant rise in reported abuse cases in the county, and the services that are available for victims.

The empowering event also featured opening and closing performances from OutLoud Womyn's Voices choir. Lunch was donated by McKecks The Blue Line.

This year's Guardian Angel award recipients were: Lindsay MacLean, Joanne Barnes, Diane Plouffe, Gerane Tyers and Beth Johns. Honourable mentions were Carol Dewey and Kathy Roberts.

Look for a call to nominate an outstanding woman in the community – young or old – sometime in October of 2011.

For more information call Sarah Adams at 705-286-1760. ■

Council holds first meeting

By Laura Redman

The newly minted Dysart council wasted no time in holding their first council meeting – an hour after they had completed their swearing in ceremony and enjoyed a light lunch.

The meeting opened with the one-year appointment of councillors to various committees as follows: Rails End Gallery – Susan Norcross; Museum Board – Bill Davis, Susan Norcross as alternate; Head Lake Trail Committee – Andrea Roberts and Walt McKechnie; Glebe Park Committee – Bill Davis and Dennis Casey; West Guilford Community Centre Hall Board – Susan Norcross; Harcourt Community Centre Hall Board – Steve Pogue;

Haliburton BIA – Andrea Roberts; Community Policing Advisory Committee – Bill Davis with Steve Pogue as alternate; Haliburton Streetscape Committee – Andrea Roberts, Dennis Casey and Murray Fearrey; Haliburton Frost Festival – Andrea Roberts, Walt McKechnie and Susan Norcross; Housing and Business Development Committee – Murray Fearrey, Walt McKechnie and Andrea Roberts with Bill Davis as alternate; Environment and Green Energy Committee – Murray Fearrey, Dennis Casey, Steve Pogue and Bill Davis as alternate.

Fearrey spoke briefly to the new Housing and Business Development Committee. "Everybody in the world is interested in housing from what I hear out there, but one of the things I'm frustrated with is that we haven't got out there how we compromise and what we agree on for housing," Fearrey said. Fearrey wants to issue an invitation to the community to come in to discuss local needs and to generate new ideas around housing in Dysart.

"I do believe there are a lot of people in this community who are prepared to invest in this community, but there needs to be a project that they can invest in and see some return on," Fearrey said. "Everything can't be done in the public sector – the private sector is going to have to drive the success or failure we have on social housing." Fearrey wants the new committee in place by January and

members of the public will be invited to join.

Fearrey also spoke briefly to the new Environment and Green Energy Committee that he is establishing with a purpose to learning and understanding energy alternatives since "Hydro costs are going to accelerate in an unfriendly fashion."

"Individuals can actually participate in green energy through solar panels and we need to identify what works and what doesn't work," Fearrey said. Fearrey said he's also heard that there are new ideas appearing for landfill sites, and he hopes the committee will attract people with an environmental perspective. "We need people on this committee who can bring us into line with what we should be doing with green energy and with the environment."

Council approved the application by the Pump Shop to place a Portable storage building on the back of their upcoming location at 5161 County Road 21, provided they adhere to the required 66 foot setback from an existing creek bed.

When presented with two separate proposals for the potential redevelopment of a single family dwelling located at 5088 County Road 21 into either a duplex or fiveplex unit, Davis pointed out a potential conflict with a 700 foot site line required by County Roads. Council deferred any decision on the proposals until the owner has discussed a potential site line issue with the County.

Before the close of the meeting, council discussed the remaining committee appointments and it was decided that Andrea Roberts, Dennis Casey, Walt McKechnie and Susan Norcross would all be appointed to the Committee of Adjustments, along with the reappointment of community members Bob Bishop Sr. and Don Popple. Bill Davis was appointed to the Land Division Committee at the County Level with Andrea Roberts as his second and Steve Pogue, Susan Norcross and Walt McKechnie were all initially appointed to the Finance Committee, however Fearrey suggested that those duties be shared between all six councillors with the other side of the table Bill Davis, Dennis Casey and Andrea Roberts taking upcoming turns.

Chamber plans move to Haliburton

The Haliburton Chamber of Commerce announced last week at their monthly breakfast meeting that they will be moving their office into Haliburton village as of February 1, 2011.

Chamber President Nick Lawrence spoke briefly to the move, saying it was favourable for several reasons – their current lease ends Feb. 1, it brings the Chamber back to its early roots in Haliburton, it offers better potential for growth in the east end of the county and the new location – in the lower level of the Village Barn property – offers a more affordable space than the one currently being rented in Minden.

The Chamber is also currently seeking nominations for the 2011 Business & Community Achievement Awards. Along with the traditional awards for Small Business, Large Business, New Business, Not-for-profit Business, Highlander and Customer Service, the Chamber has added two new awards – Skilled Trades Award and Innovation and Creativity in Business Award – and has pushed the age restriction on the Young Entrepreneur of the Year up to 35 years and under. The event recognizes and honours local businesses and individuals who have demonstrated a com-

mitment to excellence in their field. The fifth annual awards night – will be held at the Pinestone Resort on Jan. 15, 2011, starting with a reception at 6 p.m. and the dinner and awards ceremony at 7 p.m. Tickets are available for \$65 until Dec. 15 and then the price moves to \$70. Award nomination forms are currently available in a downloadable form on the Chamber website at www.hhchamber.on.ca or by dropping into the Chamber office at 5 Bobcaygeon Road in Minden.

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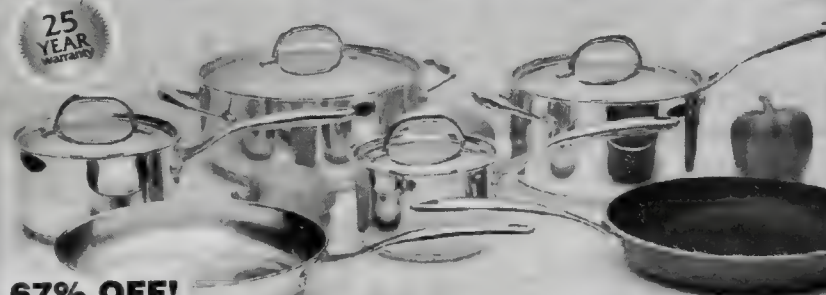
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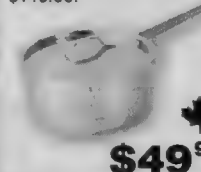
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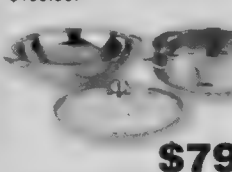


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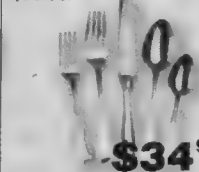
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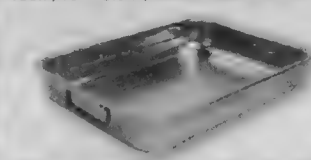
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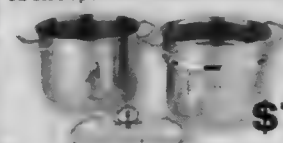
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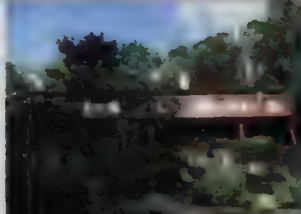


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Attention to detail is evident, in this custom built "True North Log Home" allergy free environment and surplus insulation, 2,364 sq ft incl spacious great room, custom kitchen, stone fireplace, & skylights, beautiful slate floors". On the upper floor there is an open loft with skylights, plenty of room for an office area, and the Master Suite lge 5 piece ensuite, & w/in closet, dr well, f/a propane, & radiant geothermal Property is gently terraced, very natural w rock pathways, 550 feet waterfront, south, big open view. Come & enjoy peace & wildlife that frequents this property.



Bitter Lake - \$319,700

Home/Cottage w Full foundation partly on rock, electr f/a & Woodstove. Hot Tub Rm in Cedar w cathedral ceilings, 2000 sq ft. Ceramic, & Laminate floors, Brick surround wdst, & drywall w Sprayed ceilings, white custom kitchen c/w Island. Master suite on main W/O to a balcony adj main deck. There is a 2 pce ensuite & a 4 pce w low flush facilities. The other bedroom also has sprayed ceilings & Laminate floors. C Vac. The Artesian well gives potable winter water in great supply. Incl. att garage & a carport. SE property, gently terraced & naturally landscaped



Debra Lambe
Haliburton Office
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Little Cameron Lake - \$249,900

Lovely summer cottage on tranquil & quiet lake with southern exposure. Renovated cottage situated on level waterfront lot on Little Cameron. The lot offers 135 feet of shoreline and 0.86 acres, southern exposure and trees surrounding the west and north side of the lot for a wonderful forest feel. This comfortable 775 sqft cottage offers open concept livingroom/kitchen, 3 bedrooms, bathroom, large lakeside deck and screened in porch for extra living space. Pine ceilings throughout. Sleeping bunkie for guests. Deep shoreline off dock and Bass and Pickerel fishing. Premium lot at end of road. 10 minutes from Haliburton. Cottage is furnished and lake dock included. Ready to enjoy!



Affordable Home - Close to Haliburton - \$149,900

Nestled amongst the pines is this 3 bedroom bright and cozy bungalow less than 10 minutes from Haliburton. Its finished basement includes a recreation area, workshop/storage and 4th bedroom. Privacy plus with sunporch and circular driveway winding through the pines. Enjoy the birds and wildlife from the south facing deck overlooking a lovely, large backyard. Only minutes away from boat launch on Drag Lake. Great starter or retirement home. \$149,900

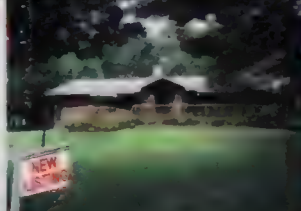


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Haliburton 45 Acres/Pond - \$309,000

This is an excellent opportunity for someone who has horses or who wants a country spread with their own pond located just minutes outside of Haliburton. Very solid/bright 3 bdrm bungalow with a full walkout basement and the most awesome oversized garage with an upper studio/loft that's big enough to house dance classes. Some of the many features of this lovely rural property are 45 acres, pond, hardwood flrs, oak cabinetry, central vac, paved drive & underground hydro. Come have a look.



Ingoldsby - \$349,000

Are you looking for a place that gives you all of the benefits of waterfront living without the high cost? Maybe this one is for you! Located in the hamlet of Ingoldsby across the road from Kashagwigamog Lake "one of Haliburton's finest" and set on a lovely private lot almost a full acre in size. The front and rear yards are level and quite lovely. The home/cottage has large generous size rooms throughout along with a full size stone fireplace, m m fir laundry, mudroom, 2 pc ensuite, attached garage and full basement. If you are looking for a rental this one is fully booked all summer long.



Fred Chapple
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Custom Built Home - \$279,000

Here is your chance to own a custom built side split home (1996) in a quiet neighbourhood. 3 bedrooms, master/ensuite and jacuzzi. The skylight brightens the kitchen area and lots of windows surround the living room/fireplace. An artisan drilled well, newer wood floors and roof shingles, serviced by a municipal road, 2 car attached garage. Short distance to Minden or Haliburton. This property is worth the drive. Call for appointment to view.



1464 Buckslides Rd. - \$102,900

Great Retirement or Starter Home: Here is your chance to own a 2 bedroom home on a level well treed lot with good privacy. Located close to Carnarvon and shopping conveniences. Clean and Tidy and ready for immediate occupancy. Direct access off a municipal road and close to snowmobile trails. IT'S WORTH A LOOK!!!



Geoff Bunn
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Gull River - \$67,900

Gently sloping building lot on beautiful Gull River, close to the town of Minden by boat or car, and only a few minutes down the river to Gull Lake for lots of boating. A great spot for your year round home or weekend getaway



Davis Lake - \$659,000

Custom built 3 storey waterfront cottage/home in quiet bay on Davis Lake. This 3300 sqft home features 6 bdrms (3 with walkouts), 2-3 pc baths, 2-5pc baths (cedar). Interior finished in Pine walls and ceiling throughout. HRV system, central vac, 200 amp in floor water system, solar water & heating system. All appliances & furnishings incl. Level lot with southern exposure on great family lake. Shoreline Road allowance owned.

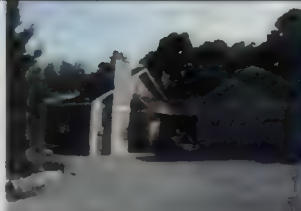


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Mountain Street - \$39,000

Residential Building Lot
Close to town and all amenities, but still private! Hydro and Telephone available at lot line. Lot is partially cleared and driveway roughed in. Call for more information - 457-8487.



Residential - \$319,000

You don't want to let this turn key home pass you by. This beautiful 3 bedroom, 2 bathroom home is in a quiet and prestigious area. Modern open concept living area has 9' ceilings with skylights over the kitchen allowing for natural sunlight. Generously sized bedrooms, master has walk-in closet and a 4 piece ensuite. The main floor has maple hardwood and ceramic throughout, wood burning fireplace on main floor and propane insert in the basement. This tastefully decorated home also features a fully finished basement.



Karen Wood
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Irondale - \$118,000

Very private lot fronting on Irondale River. 2 Bedroom cottage, open concept - finish it your way! Perfect for the handyman! Very level lot, easy access on Hwy 503 between Irondale and Gooderham. 164 ft of water frontage - put your canoe in and enjoy the ride.



Beech River Lot - \$119,900

Located on quiet Beech River, at the widest point, with easy boating access to Big/Little Boshkung and Twelve Mile Lakes. Enjoy beautiful sunsets and great fishing. Located on a dead end road that leads to Beech River walking trail. Close to snowmobile trails, 15 minutes to Minden or 25 minutes to Haliburton. Beautifully treed with majestic pines, lovely view. This lot is partially cleared with driveway in, site inspection report for sewage permit is available. Build your retreat here!

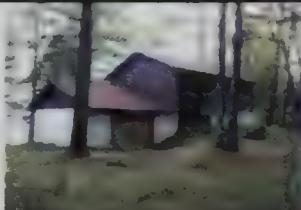


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Ross Lake - \$229,900

Privately located cute & cozy cottage with a moderately sloping driveway down to the cottage with a beautiful, level lot to the south facing lakefront with 200' of frontage. The cottage is open and bright and comes fully furnished and with all appliances.



Grossman Lake - \$479,900

This very secluded, private setting on this great bass fishing lake may be just what you are looking for! The private 400 acres with 40 acre lake abuts Crown land giving you all kinds of hunting & exploring opportunities. The two bedroom cottage with attached garage is wired for generator and is also equipped for propane. A must see for the privacy seeker at an attractive price!



Linda* Baumgartner & Troy Austen
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Basshaunt Lake Road - \$38,000

2.39 ac building lot. Across from public access to the lake. Mature Hardwoods, level lot. Hydro & phone available. Close to ski hill.



Sandford Crt. New Construction - \$334,900

Large 2.01 ac subdivision lot. Raymac Corp. 3br home. 1682sf, full bsmt, Dbl grg. Quality materials & workmanship. Tarion Warranty. Ask for info on standard specs. Builder will finish to suit. Enjoy the privacy, yet only minutes to village.



Lynda Litwin
Minden Office
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ext. 35



Reynolds Road Home - \$162,000

This 4 bedroom home offers a renovated kitchen, main floor laundry, large mud room, oversized garage/workshop and close to Horseshoe Lake. Enjoy the open private yard with an above ground swimming pool and lovely gardens. Call to view



In Town Home - \$243,400

Lovely 3 + bedroom home with wood floors, south facing sun room, attached garage, Oak kitchen, updated bathroom and finished basement. Move into town before the snow flies!! Call to view

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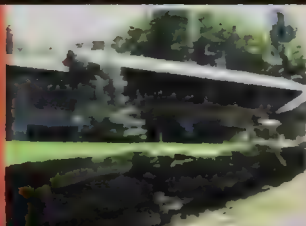
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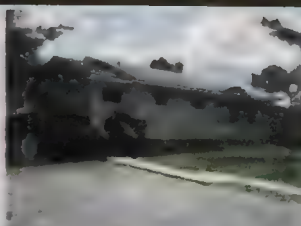


Lisa Mercer
Minden
Office
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Kushog Lake - \$509,000

Located on beautiful Kushog Lake, known for its miles of boating and great fishing you will find this well built 3 bedroom home that shows pride of ownership - from the brick exterior with interlocking lapsiding (for a cedar look) - to the awesome waterfront with stairs that go right into the water. The original 20' X 12' cottage is on the original shore allowance and is currently being used for storage. The beautifully maintained yard has lots of low maintenance gardens and extensive stone walls. The house is wired for a generator and has an oil fired hot water tank.



Water Street - \$169,900

Excellent starter or retirement home. 3 bedrooms upstairs and 1 downstairs. Right in town with the River Walk and all amenities just minutes away. Access to Gull River. Nice 8' X 25' deck on the side of the house to relax on and enjoy the scenery. Loads of upgrades since 2002.



Marilyn Hawley
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Close to Town - \$269,000

This bright and spacious 3+1 bedroom home is beautifully landscaped with a waterfall, perennial gardens and privacy - all just outside of town. Livingroom has cathedral ceiling with skylights with walkout onto a large deck. Two full baths, one with Jacuzzi tub, large kitchen/dining room with walkout to backyard and a great rec room downstairs. New high-efficiency propane furnace keeps utility costs to a minimum.

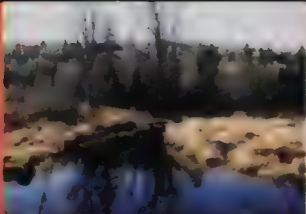


Lake Kashagawigamog - \$499,00

Lovely 2 storey, 3 bdrm. cottage with the perfect screened porch, lovely flagstone landscaping and perennial gardens and deep water off the dock. There is even a great 2 bdrm Bunkie for the guests. Located on our premiere 5-lake chain, this cottage has it all. You will never want to leave!



Marj & John Parish
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Year Round Acreage! - \$57,900

1850 Feet of frontage on Esson Creek and 54.3 Acres! Hydro Available. Located on a Year Round Municipal Road! Esson Creek Offers Great Speckle Trout Fishing! Close to Crown Land! Great Retreat Property!

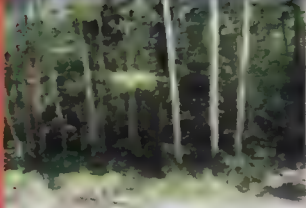


Getaway Property! - \$255,000

7800 Feet of Frontage on Esson Creek, 466 Acres! Abuts 1000's of Acres of Crown Land. Esson Creek is Great for Speckle Trout Fishing! Hydro Available! Great for Hunting, Fishing & ATVing.



Melanie Vigrass
Minden
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Sir Sam's Area Lots - \$26,000

These two lots are in an area of newer homes and close to Eagle Lake public beach, skiing, grocery store and restaurants. 3.95 acres is \$26,000 and 2.1 acres is \$25,000. Buy now to build this spring.

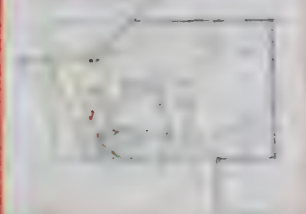


Building Lot - \$37,900

This lovely rural building lot is centrally located between Minden and Haliburton. The lot has already been cleared and the majority of landscaping has been completed with a beautiful pergola overlooking a grassed area and fire pit.



Peter* Brady
Haliburton
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Magnificent 70 Acres - \$129,000

This is the property for those peaceful wilderness hikes or trail rides from your back door, with 3 road frontages, mature trees, a private 'Mountain' and several building and severance sites. The opportunities abound. You will want to be outside all day, every day - stay healthy and just keep moving - HERE! Only \$129,000



Fabulous Log Drag Lake - \$949,000

This fabulous executive custom log home offers you the warmth of wood and stone throughout with three luxury levels of private areas for contemplation and public gathering places around the skylite island kitchen, dining and sunrooms all level walkout to sunrise decks or sunset patios with long lake views across desirable Drag Lake. Now being offered at will below cost - This cannot be replaced for \$949,000.



Ted Vasey
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Boshkung Lake - \$389,000

1072 Lowery Lane
Level flat lot on Boshkung Lake - beautiful sand beach - bright and open well maintained summer cottage - w/o kitchen to lakeside deck - w/o living room - living room fireplace (propane) - 3 bedrooms - 3pc. Bath - septic 2001 - big lake view - garage - year round road - a pleasure to show



Twelve Mile Lake - \$329,900

1940 12 Mile Lake Road
Very clean and neat 3 season cottage - open concept living - cozy kitchen living room fireplace - with w/o deck - 2 bedrooms plus utility room - 4 pc. Bath - septic - fabulous level lot and sand shoreline - what view from here - 3 lake chain for miles of boating - year round road

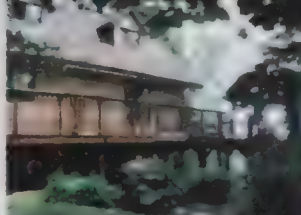


Terry Carr
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Home OR Cottage - \$215,000

This 4 season home or cottage is perfectly located to give you a view of beautiful Kushog Lake! This bright 3 bedroom, 2 bath home offers a large kitchen/dining area and great living room with oak cabinetry, pot lights, and a front porch for hours of relaxation. Located on 2.13 acres, partially wooded, with tons of privacy.



Two Properties For One Price - \$699,000

Room for the whole family! Cozy and bright cottage or home with huge deck overlooking a spectacular lake view. Combination waterfront with two separate dock areas as well as a lakefront entertainment deck. A large, low maintenance well treed lot with dramatic rock faces and perennial gardens. A double detached garage, heated and insulated includes a fully appointed and independently serviced, 2 bedroom guesthouse backing on hardwood bush with trails throughout. A granite patio with fire pit completes the landscaping. THE PLUS - a separately deeded waterfront lot with clearing, driveway and acreage! Great value



Tom & Gail Tempest**
Minden
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Great Log Home - \$194,000

Totally renovated log home/cottage located on over 3 acres of wooded privacy. New kitchen, new flooring, new bathrooms, all with tasteful decor. Jacuzzi tub in main bath and separate tiled shower. 2 good sized bedrooms and pot lights everywhere. Gas fireplace on main floor, 24' X 8' screened porch and 16' X 16' workshop. Above ground pool with attached walkway to laundry/mud room. This home is immaculate and ready for immediate possession.



Original Log Cabin - \$399,000

Fabulous log cabin on a double lot with 265 feet of frontage on beautiful Horseshoe Lake. Very private, well treed gently sloping lot with western exposure. This property is owned by one of the original founding families on the lake. Gorgeous pine floors and a stone fireplace. Cottage is rustic and loaded with charm. Chinking and painting of replacement logs in front will be completed prior to closing. Priced for quick sale.



Vince* Duchene
Haliburton
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Elephant Lake Rd - \$169,450

MUST SELL! ALL OFFERS CONSIDERED! OWNER HAS BEEN TRANSFERRED... 3 bdrm home, spacious, well maintained and private setting. Newer kitchen, new propane furnace, large rooms, also includes barn and large garage. A must see if you are looking for A DEAL! Call me today for all the information.



Original Log Charm - \$179,900

History filled log home on 3.5 acres. The original log home was erected in the late 1800s and then was joined by a new addition in the early 2000s to create a spacious, 3 bedroom, 1.5 story country home filled with warmth and charm and unique in nature. Call today for more information or for a personal tour of the property. Go to www.9281countryroads.ca for a complete graphic presentation and tour. Asking \$179,900



Rick Forget**
Iona Fevreau,
Mary Hamden
and Steve Pogue
Wilberforce Office
448-2222



Wilberforce - \$65,000

Looking for privacy and convenience, this property is for you. Build a home on the front of the property and enjoy a short (less than 1km) walk to town or enjoy the privacy of the back acreage off a quiet country road. Front of the property has a building site ready to go with a dug well, driveway, concrete slab for a 24' X 24' garage, (and a 1972 septic if approved for use). Also, a storage shed. The property comes with spectacular fall colours, fascinating rock formations and a variety of elevations. Located midway between Haliburton and Bancroft. Wilberforce is near the south end of Algonquin Park. A short drive to life's conveniences and adventure! Hydro available at road.



Wilberforce - \$149,900

3 bedroom home with attached double garage, modern kitchen, flooring consists of broadloom, ceramic tile and laminate. Patio doors lead to spacious double deck. Beautiful level landscaped lot at end of quiet side road. Close to all amenities. Unfinished basement with high ceilings if someone wanted to finish a nice sized family room there. New seamless eaves trough installed in Sept. of 2009. New double deck built in Sept. of 2009 and the home is finished off with easy maintenance vinyl siding



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Haliburton Highlands CHAMBER of COMMERCE

The Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce is pleased to accept nominations
for the 2011 Business & Community Achievement Awards

NOMINATION FORM

Please print clearly and complete this form with as much information as you can provide. If you wish to provide additional support material, please adhere to the following: maximum of 10 pages, 8.5x11", can include pictures, pamphlets & brochures (please provide 7 copies). Please return completed nomination package to the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce.

Nomination for Awards Category

- ☐ **Small Business of the Year**
(1-25 Employees, Member of the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce, in business for 3+ years)
- ☐ **Large Business of the Year**
(26+ Employees, Member of the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce, in business for 3+ years)
- ☐ **New Business of the Year**
(in business 3 years or less)
- ☐ **Not-For-Profit Business of the Year**
(in business for 3+ years)

- ☐ **Skilled Trades Award *new***
- ☐ **Innovation and Creativity Business Award *new***
- ☐ **Young Entrepreneur of the Year (35 yrs & under)**
- ☐ **Highlander of the Year**
- ☐ **Customer Service of the Year**

Note: Award of the Year (selected by the Warden of Haliburton County) and Youth of the Year (selected by the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School) are not nominated awards.

Nominee Information:

Company/Organization/Individual: _____

Contact Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Postal Code: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Email: _____

Website: _____

of Employees: _____ Years in Operation: _____

Nomination Submitted by:

Name: _____

Company/Organization/Individual: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Email: _____

Is the Nominee aware of this Award? Yes No

In 100 words or more, please describe why you feel this Company/Organization/Individual should be nominated. The selection committee will consider performance and achievement for 2010 in any of, but not limited to, the following areas:

- Leadership and Entrepreneurship
- Product or Market Innovations
- Significant Business Achievement
- Sales and/or Employment Growth and Technological Advancement
- Excellence in Community Relations/Contribution
- Environmental Consciousness
- Customer Service and Reliability
- High Standard of Employee Relations
- Contributes to the Economic Health of the Haliburton Highlands

Mail, Fax or E-mail your submission to:
Haliburton County Chamber of Commerce
5 Bobcaygeon Rd, Box 147, Minden, ON K0M 2K0

Ph: 705-286-1760 ~ Fax: 705-286-6016 ~
Toll Free: 877-811-6111

Email: kendra@haliburtonchamber.com

NOMINATION DEADLINE:
DECEMBER 17th, 2010

The Chamber does not disclose the name of the nominator. Nomination must be accepted by the nominee before being presented to the nomination committee.

PLEASE NOTE: The nominee will be judged on what is submitted in this nomination package. The Chamber staff will not request additional information to support the nomination, but do reserve the right to contact the nominee to verify facts.

Business Achievement Awards

Small Business of the Year

The nominee is a profit-centered business, which has been in operation in the County of Haliburton for 3 years or more and has 1 to 25 employees.

Large Business of the Year

The nominee is a profit-centered business which has been in operation in the County of Haliburton for 3 years or more and have 26 employees or more.

New Business of the Year (Under 3 Years)

This award is for profit centered businesses which have been in operation in the County of Haliburton for 3 years or less.

Skilled Trades **new for 2010**

The nominees will be a business judged on excellence in some or all of the following categories: trade skills development, quality, craftsmanship, outstanding service, excellence in innovation in product or service, sustainable financial performance or market/product development.

Innovation and Creativity Award**new for 2010**

This award celebrates a business operating in Haliburton County that shows innovation and creativity in their business practices to sustain or expand their business and contribute to the local economy.

The business can be in any sector (retail, service, manufacturing, agriculture, forestry, financial, tourism, food services, cultural industries etc)

This creativity and innovations could be in any of the following areas: types products and services, marketing, use of technology, customer service, increasing the value of products or services, business model, energy conservation, creation of employment, expanding the market for products and services, the creation of new intellectual property.

Not-For-Profit Business of the Year

This award recognizes the contribution that Not-For-Profit Organizations make to the County of Haliburton, that has been in business more than 3 years.

Young Entrepreneur of the Year (35 Years and Under)

The criteria for the Young Entrepreneur of the Year Award includes proficiency as a Risk Taker, demonstrates Enthusiasm, Motivation, displays Creativity, Originality, Dedication, Innovation and Vision

Customer Service of the Year

This award is for Customer Service centered businesses, which have been in operation in the County of Haliburton for 3 years or more. This award recognizes both innovation and exceptional performance resulting in quality service to customers. This business would provide customer with choices in both sources of services and the means of delivery, making information, services and complaint systems easily accessible. An example of an exceptional performance may include compassion and caring that goes well beyond expectations for customer service.

Community Achievement Awards

Highlander of the Year

The Highlander of the Year Award recognizes the contributions and community leadership demonstrated by individuals for the benefit of the Haliburton Highlands. Any resident of the Highlands who has made outstanding contributions to the community in the areas of art, culture, heritage, community services, community economic development or the environment are eligible for nomination. The Highlander of the Year is a community booster and a true Ambassador for the Haliburton Highlands.

Youth of the Year

This award will be awarded to two high school students currently attending the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School. Community minded students with successful academic standing represent the quality of Haliburton's future and are deserving of our recognition.

Warden Award of the Year

This award will be selected by the Warden of the County of Haliburton. It will be awarded to an individual, group, team, business or organization who has shown significant achievements or have made significant contributions to the County of Haliburton in 2010.



Village Christmas in Kinmount



There was much excitement in Kinmount on Dec. 2, 3 and 4 as the village hosted its first annual Christmas in the Village Festival, replacing the annual Santa Claus Parade. Festivities started on Thursday with a tree lighting ceremony at the train station and visits with Santa at the Railway Station.

Friday night, the village was filled with music as the Haliburton Highlands Youth Choir entertained a crowd at the Kinmount Community Centre. Saturday, the village was filled with the festive Christmas spirit as carollers strolled the streets and horse drawn wagon rides gave families a thrill. Children enjoyed crafts and stories at the Kinmount Library from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Top, Hannah Simpson gets some help from her dad creating reindeer at the library. And above left, Emily Pearson puts the halter on her pony in anticipation of the pony rides for children in the village.

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Stock #: 11137A \$15,995.00 *

2007 Lucerne CXL: Complete with 3.8 litre v6, automatic transmission, electronic climate control air conditioning, leather seating with power heated front seats, power windows locks, seats and mirrors, keyless entry, cruise control, tilt steering, 6 passenger seating, AM/FM/CD stereo, aluminum wheels and much more!

Stock #: 10457A \$12,995.00 *

2007 Lucerne CX: Only 53,000 kilometres! Local one-owner vehicle complete with 3.8 litre v6, automatic transmission, power windows locks and mirrors, cruise control, tilt steering, 6 passenger seating, AM/FM/CD stereo, aluminum wheels and much more!

Stock #: 10321A \$13,995.00 *

2006 Lucerne CXL: Only 62,000 kilometres! Complete with 3.8 litre V6, automatic transmission, electronic climate control air conditioning, leather seating with power heated front seats, power windows locks, seats and mirrors, remote start, keyless entry, cruise control, tilt steering, 5 passenger seating, premium Harmon Kardon AM/FM stereo with CD changer, chromed aluminum wheels and much more!

Stock #: 10359A \$12,995.00 *

2006 Lucerne CXL: Local one-owner vehicle! Complete with 3.8 litre V6, automatic transmission, electronic climate control air conditioning, power sunroof, leather seating with power heated front seats, power windows locks, seats and mirrors, keyless entry, cruise control, tilt steering, 5 passenger seating, rear park assist, premium AM/FM/CD stereo, aluminum wheels and much more!

Stock #: 10404A \$12,995.00 *

2006 Terazza CXL All-Wheel-Drive Van: Just in time for the snow! Complete with 3.5 litre V6, automatic transmission, electronic climate control air conditioning, leather seating with power heated front seats, rear DVD entertainment system, power windows locks, seats and mirrors, keyless entry, cruise control, tilt steering, 7 passenger seating, rear park assist, premium AM/FM/CD stereo, aluminum wheels and much more!

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Eleanor Harrison bids farewell

By Jerry Grozelle

After devoting more than 20 years of her life to municipal politics, Algonquin Highlands Reeve Eleanor Harrison says she felt it was time to retire. A combination of factors contributed to her decision and at the top of the list is a desire to spend more time with her family and friends. Municipal politics has changed since Harrison decided to run for office. "When you're the reeve, it's pretty demanding," she said. "It's not what it used to be."

She said she never really felt comfortable taking an extended holiday because of the extra time and effort she would have to expend to catch up when she returned. She said she looks forward to doing more of what she prefers to do at her own pace, as opposed to trying to fit it into some kind of political calendar.

Harrison said she wasn't ready to retire four years ago. "But now I'm ready. I'm very ready," she said. "I had my last county council meeting and I didn't shed a tear, I just walked away." As reeve of the municipality for the past 10 years, Harrison has also sat on county council. During that decade, she has served two one-year terms as warden of the county.

"It's been a very rewarding career. I'm not leaving because it's not rewarding or that I haven't enjoyed it. I've thoroughly enjoyed my whole career in politics even though it started off kind of as a lark in a way," she said. "I don't think it's the kind of job you can do if you don't get some enjoyment out of it. You wouldn't do it for the money because it doesn't pay enough."

"I've had excellent councils to work with. I've had excellent deputy reeves and for the most part, excellent staff as well. And that makes a big difference," she said.

Harrison's husband Jim and her two daughters made it clear that they wanted to see more of her, which sealed her decision to retire from politics.

Harrison said the airport situation had nothing to do with her decision not to run for office again.

The November 18 council meeting bay well have been the last before she retires from municipal politics, so Harrison took the opportunity to say goodbye and thank you.

"It's hard for me to believe that I've spent one-third of my life in politics in Haliburton County and 10 years as Reeve of Algonquin Highlands," she said. "This all started as a recount. That's how I ended up here."

"For the most part it has been a marvelous and rewarding experience and I have enjoyed it. The councillors I've had the pleasure of working with have all been dedicated, conscientious and have had the best interest of the municipality uppermost in their minds."

"The accomplishments are too numerous to mention but I, along with the council members, not just today's council members but the ones I've worked with through the past 20-some years, I think we should take pride in knowing that Stanhope, as we started out and now Algonquin Highlands, has moved forward in a very positive way."

Harrison said that the current municipal building was constructed during her first term on council under the leadership of Reeve Harry Davis.

"The council of the day had the foresight to realize that there was going to be amalgamation at some point in time and started planning for it."

She talked about the addition of the kitchen at the community centre, additions to the fire hall and the museums, which she said she is very proud of.

"We have a lot newer and more modern fire equipment and a fire chief, which we didn't have before, and our roads department ... we did a quite a reorganization of staff after amalgamation and that's how we ended up with an operations manager and I think that's been very beneficial," she said.

Regarding waste management, she said there are some things she wished had happened before the end of this council term. "But, in fairness, I think we have been a leader in Haliburton County, particularly in recycling," she said. "Some of that was due to a very strong committee we had in Stanhope prior to amalgamation and we encouraged that committee to increase and bring on members from Dorset and other areas." She cited the cooperation of ratepayers, education programs as well as

the committee as factors leading to a strong recycling program in Algonquin Highlands.

"The Dorset landfill site was due to close about a year after amalgamation," she said. "That Dorset landfill site is still open. Can council take all the credit for that? No they can't. But we certainly can take credit for being very supportive and making sure that our landfill sites did not close." Harrison said she had hoped this council would have been able to make the announcement that the Maple Lake landfill site expansion had been given the go-ahead that would extend its lifespan by another 25 years. "It's close but it's just not quite there yet," she said.

"Even at the airport there have been many exciting things happen. Many hangars have been built and sold for economic development; we've had emergency plans developed and maintained; we've had many sessions where we've practiced our emergency plan."

"We have some of the best hiking and walking trails in the county and even in the surrounding areas and our water trails are second to none. Even though we were forced into it by the MNR at the time, I think it has worked out well and is certainly the envy of other communities in Ontario and perhaps farther afield."

Harrison listed numerous recreational facilities and programs that have been developed and enhanced over the past several years with the support of councils past and present.

There were also some disappointments, such the lost fight to keep the school in Dorset and subsequently the failed attempt to turn the school into a seniors' residence.

All the accomplishments of the past and present councils were done without incurring any debt until this year, 2010. While no council wishes to go into debt, it is sometimes necessary in order to take advantage of provincial and federal funding opportunities," she said.

Harrison thanked all of the council members she has worked with — past and present. "You've all been very special to me. There's a warm spot in my heart for you. I've had great deputy-reeves. They've always been very supportive. Throughout the years I've had the full support of my family and that's very important. I'd like to publicly thank them as well." She said there have been many times when family functions and celebrations have been rescheduled to accommodate her commitments to municipal and county government functions so she could carry out her political duties. "Your family does suffer and I think that's something the public may not be aware of. There are times when they come second when they probably shouldn't come second."

"I don't know what I can say about the staff. Throughout my whole career, we've had absolutely wonderful staff. There's no way I can think of to be able to thank them enough for their

dedication to the ratepayers and to council. They always seem to be able to make themselves available, not only to council but to the public. Thank you so very much for making my job easier."

"Do I have any regrets? Not really. I sincerely wished that the airport had proceeded as planned and I still firmly believe that a longer and safer runway would benefit the whole of Haliburton County. I will go to my grave thinking that. But it hasn't happened. That doesn't mean it won't, but it hasn't happened yet. I think it would be a huge benefit to the economic development

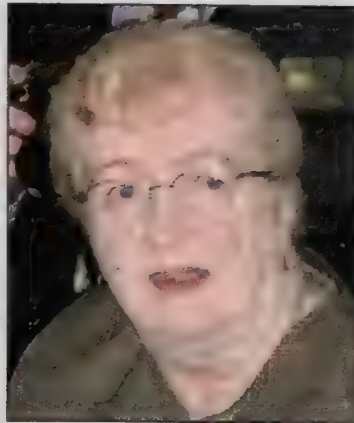
of the area and a huge benefit to the county as a whole. However, we do have a fully refurbished runway at one-third dollars and I understand from some of the pilots that it has been a great improvement. They are very happy with the new infrastructure at the airport."

Harrison says she believes she is leaving politics at the right time. "I'm extremely disappointed, disillusioned and shocked at how the recent campaigns are being run, or perhaps I should say managed. Name-calling, lies, misrepresentation, you name it and it's all happening here in good old Haliburton County. It bothers me. I'm losing sleep over it and there are days when I'm embarrassed

by it all. And in a community like Haliburton it shouldn't be happening. I realize that it's not just happening in Haliburton. I'm also afraid it's not going to be soon forgotten and I think it's going to make the jobs of some of the new councillors very difficult. So I for one am glad to be getting out of politics. I'm going to enjoy my family more. I'm going to do what I want, when I want to do it as opposed to when the municipality dictates I can do it. So, I'm going to enjoy my family. I'm going to enjoy my children. I'm going to enjoy my grandchildren. And I'm going to get to play [with] and walk the new addition to my family, Clyde, the brother of Livingstone [the family pets]."

"I do wish the new council every success. I do hope they are able to start off with a strategic plan early in their term," she said.

Harrison wished Carol Moffatt, who will assume the reeve's chair next month, the best of luck. "This is a great opportunity for you, Carol. I hope you are able to leave, after however many years you decide to stay, feeling as I do. I don't have any regrets. I've enjoyed it all. I've enjoyed all the people — staff, council and ratepayers. ■"



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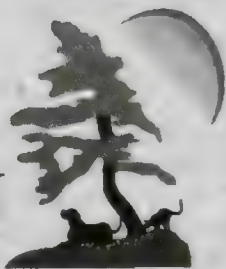
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Hockey Red Hawks pop Griffins

By Terrance Gavan

Mark Vasey, when he isn't busy in the corners, or schmoozing pleasantries with opposing players, has a pretty deft touch around the net. Let's just say that Vasey can be a royal pain in the butt for the opposition.

He pops and pops off. Now understand, Vasey is no Sean Avery clone, he just likes to state his case unequivocally and without demur.

Red Hawks' coaches Ron Yake and Bruce Griffith probably wish that Vasey would stick to the sniping and lower the level on the griping.

But like the old song says, it may be a case of, "can't have one without the other."

Quite simply, Vasey seems to produce best when he's whirling around the ice surface like the Tasmanian Devil on Red Bull.

Fans love it. Last Friday it was Vasey who got things going and then closed the door in the space of 63 seconds in a first period flurry that left the visiting Thomas A Stewart Griffins reeling.

Vasey's second goal was the eventual game winner in a 7-1 drubbing over the valiant but overmatched Griffins.

The Hawks stretched their Kawartha West season record to 2-0 and they seem ready to continue to improve – if that's possible – on their 12-0-1 record in league play last season.

Keaton Gadway added two goals and an assist, Ian Bottum scored a pair, and Brett Yake led all scorers with a goal and three assists. Carson Roberts had two assists while Scott Griffith, Aaron Hillier, and newcomer Chad Larue added single helpers. The Hawks led 2-0 after one period and 4-0 after two.

Zach Harrison had a shutout going until Tyler

Lafonte broke that up with a goal early in the final frame. The convincing win managed in spite of a gaping deficiency in Red Hawk numbers.

"We were short some skaters today, so I was impressed with how the guys played," said coach Yake. "I think our skill outshone their skill this afternoon. We controlled the puck better than they did and we have a lot of speed up front." Defensively the Hawks were missing Greg Clements and Zach Boice and up front forwards Brandon Yake and Jordan Howe were also MIA.

"We brought Chris Hall up on defense and he had a good game," said Yake, after the game. "He's just in Grade 9, but he did a good job for us. We went with two lines plus one forward and those guys logged a lot of ice time; we tried to keep the shifts as short as possible."

The coach praised Vasey's work ethic and intelligence. "Mark is smart out there and knows what he's doing," said Yake. Special teams also played a pivotal role.

"We worked on special teams a lot last year and we're working hard on it again this year," said Yake. "If you can score on the power play 25 percent of the time it's great, and I think we're a little better than that this year."

Harrison made a pivotal stop in the dying seconds of the first frame after a defensive miscue led to a Griffin breakaway.

"Zach made some nice stops and especially at the end of the first period when he stopped that breakaway chance," said Yake. "It would have been a different game if they would have scored on that break. Today was just a solid team effort and everyone worked hard and played together." Hawks were on the road versus Adam Scott on Tuesday. ■



Hawk forward Ian Bottum is denied on a chance on Griffin goaltender. Photo by Gav

Matt Duchene on line with Fleishman – heard it on Twitter

By Terrance Gavan

Big news out of Colorado and the NHL Avalanche? Haliburton's Hurricane Matt Duchene on scoring binge? Matt Duchene scores goal of the week? Matt Duchene named first star? Nah.

Matt Duchene on Twitter? Of course.

The story broke on the Colorado Avs website and United Press International on the weekend and Haliburton's Rocky mountain landmark has already been besieged by an early influx of followers.

Now this may seem like a small anecdotal story worthy of a few pops, a quick smile and a shrug.

Point is that Twitter, a fairly recent start up, is already worth \$4 billion US.

It's a site where athletes – and others – meet, schmooze and chat within the constrained boundary of an imposed 140 character count.

It's very fan-friendly.

It's also a place where, with just the right amount of management, athletes can build their brand considerably.

All good things I think.

For the record, the Hurricane's first tweet was: "Has given in and joined Twitter. G'day!"

That appeared on Dec 2.

It's what we all say when we move over to the dark side.

Point is, many sportswriters use Twitter as a quick tool for updating game reports.

Many, like Woody Paige, a Denver Post columnist, use it to provide links to their columns.

I use it as an invaluable tool to maintain my website and blogs.

Duchene – or @Matt9Duchene as he's known in the Twitterverse – had 730 followers at press time, but by the time this article hits the newsstands I'd expect that number to be in the four digit zone.

A quick perusal of the followers shows a nice mix of hockey fans, pretty young women, marketing consultants and sportswriters.

If you're sick and tired of winter already, please don't read Matty's tweets from Florida.

"By the pool in FLA... Lovin life," is one of those tweets that might just drive you a little bonkers.

Ah yes.

Florida, Phoenix, L.A.

Nice mandated working vacations destined to take your mind off the vagaries of the seasonal curse.

Adrian Dater is the Avs Denver Post beat writer. He said that the Avs are normally pretty rigid about allowing players unfettered access to these types of sites.

Thus the brass must have confidence in the maturity of their rising young superstar.

"So far, Dutchy is following 10 people," writes Dater. "Four of them – Darren Dreger, Pierre LeBrun, Bob McKenzie and James Duthie – are hockey media people. I have not qualified for the list yet. I am going to go bury my face in a towel now and have a good cry."

Meanwhile, back on the ice, the Avs newest acquisition Tomas Fleishman appears to be on a collision course to skate with Dutchy and Milan Hejduk. That would be quite a line.

Hejduk leads the Avs in scoring (10 G- 20 A) and Duchene is currently third in scoring with 8 goals and 16 assists.

And just for the record, in case you're planning on signing into Twitter.

Dutchy's last tweet:

"Just noticed I have a spike in followers... What upppp?! Haha I appreciate the support, I created this to connect with you guys so enjoy!"

Need help with setting up a Twitter account?

Email gav@pardontheeruption.com, Twitter at twitter.com/terrancegavan. ■

Hal High opens inaugural season in Kawartha Girls Hockey League

By Terrance Gavan

Both Hal High hockey teams hit the old Buckhorn Trail to Peterborough on Tuesday.

Tuesday's tilt marked the Hawks women's inaugural game in Kawartha schoolgirl hockey.

Exciting news for the Red Hawk girls, who have been waiting for this seminal moment after participating as a club team for the past six years.

This year Hal High Principal Dan Marsden and teacher Bruce Griffith, along with local coach Vince Duchene all deserve kudos for following through on the dream. Big props to all involved in the developmental process as well.

Big learning curve in store for the girls, indicated by the 5-0 loss in their debut against Holy Cross Crusaders.

Marsden, contacted by phone on Tuesday evening, said it's a respectable start for the Hawks, who have a young team with a good blend of talent.

"We were behind 1-0 after one period and we trailed 2-0 after two," said Marsden. "Our goaltender played really well and we have a broad range of talented girls who are learning to skate as a team right now. We're looking forward to our home opener on Wednesday afternoon."

The girls played that opener at 2 pm on Wednesday against Adam Scott. Results and photos of that big event will be in next week's Voice.

For now, says Marsden, it's a matter of learning how to skate and compete as a unit.

That other Hawks hockey team – get used to it – pushed their seasonal tally to 3-0 with a convincing 10-1 win over Adam Scott Lions.

Coach Ron Yake says that the boys dominated at both ends. Rookie goaltender Andrew Elia got credit for the win, but Yake says that when the game was in hand midway through the third the coaches let another young rookie pop some minutes between the pipes.

"We had an opportunity to give Brayden Frost (Grade 9) some minutes late in the game," says Yake. "Adam Scott just couldn't match up with our depth, and I think their goaltending was maybe not at the high school level."

Ashton Hailey, Aaron Hillier, and Mark Vasey scored a pair of goals apiece, while Keaton Gadway, Jordan Howe, Drew Paul and Scotty Griffith tallied singles. ■

Gav on Sports

Shut up and play the game - the N-word and trash talk

By Terrance Gavan

Trash talk.

I don't think it was around when I was growing up.
Trash talk is imbued with a certain efficacy today.
It's subtle as a jackhammer.
It's unpleasant.
It's the antithesis of sportsmanship.
It's schadenfreude taken beyond reasonable bounds.
I'm not a big fan ... even though my number one hero, Boston Celtics legend Larry Bird was apparently one of its most vile and loathsome practitioners.

Peterborough hockey coach Greg Walsh is paying the price right now for his bold and singular stand against trash talk emanating from a game on Nov. 15.

Walsh is sitting out an as yet undetermined suspension for pulling his team off the ice during a hockey game a few weeks back.

Walsh is sitting because he wouldn't sit still.

He's sitting because the trash talk aimed at one of his teenage players clearly overstepped the bounds of good taste.

He's sitting because of a racist taunt aimed at one of his players.

A player from an opposing team called Walsh's player, 16-year-old Andrew McCullum: "Nigger." (Writer's note: If we continue to use the N-word - as most publications do - as a replacement for what was really said it does a disservice to the process and the reader. It's an ugly word. When it's uttered in anger it should be exposed for what it is: Gutless, spineless, mealy-mouthed racism.)

The word was directed at McCullum while both players were sitting in the penalty box during a Peterborough Minor Hockey Association league encounter. McCullum told the Toronto Star

that both players "were chirping at each other," when the opposing player upped the ante.

The referee said he could not make a call because none of the zebras were within earshot.

Balderdash.

The referee has the authority to go to the minor official in the box for clarification.

If it's determined that the player had uttered the word in question then the ref should chase the player off the ice and pursue further suspension via the scorer's sheet.

Simple as that. I have consulted with minor officials on more than one occasion as a basketball referee.

While the officials did an ostrich, the opposing coach sat the offending player for the remainder of the second period.

But when Walsh and his team returned to the ice in the third, the wielder of the racist taunt was still dressed and ready to take a regular shift.

Walsh was most concerned that no apology from the opposing team was offered; and the fact that the player was still dressed just seemed wrong.

Walsh told the ref that his players were walking off in protest.

The referee informed Walsh that the consequences for leaving the ice before the completion of a game could be devastating.

Walsh told the ref to do what he had to do. He said that his team could not in good conscience compete when the offending player was still in the game.

"In order for us as a team to protect our player from that, we said that we weren't going to play and we went to the dressing room. Simple as that," he said. The players were unanimous in their support.

"He wanted to make a statement that he does not tolerate racism," McCullum said of his coach. He's played for Walsh's NAPA

Auto Parts club for years. Walsh was suspended by the league.

He has been forced to the wings and away from his cherished spot on the bench.

Hockey Canada says that he could be sitting for a year.

OMHA executive director Richard Ropchan, cited in the Toronto Star article said, "that while Walsh may not be suspended for an entire year, he expects the coach will suffer some penalty. 'He has breached the regulations, and that's suspendable (sic), so I don't know how long it's going to be.'"

Meanwhile the opposing player is sitting out a three game suspension. A letter of apology has been written and McCullum will receive it soon.

TorStar reports that the opposing Austin Trophies coach John Welsh said the offending player is a good kid who deeply regrets the incident.

Yeah.

We get it.

Guy walks into a Legion bar in Campbellford on Halloween with a lasso around his neck and a guy in Ku Klux Klan garb leads him around for the night.

The mayor calls it unfortunate.

The man in blackface says he's definitely "not a racist."

Now we have a "good kid" who calls an opponent "Nigger."

Here's the skinny coach Welsh.

Some of us know a line of BS when we hear it.

I'll give your "good kid" some credit, if and when he grabs a pair, and comes out and apologizes publicly with his name attached.

Until then he's just another pipsqueak with anger issues.

Here's a thought.

Sit the little twerp till Greg Walsh is back where he belongs.

Behind the bench. ■

Haliburton-based Karate dojo wins big in largest tournament ever

The Kai Shin Karate (North) based in Haliburton held their annual karate tournament on November 14 in the room upstairs at the hockey arena.

This year's tournament was the largest to date, with 10 Dojos participating from as far away as London and Windsor, and a total of 100 competitors with 25 Black Belts judging. The shiai was very well organized and the day ended with no injuries and fun for all involved.

Haliburton Medal Standings:

Forty medals were available and Haliburton won 21 of those including nine gold, 10 silver and two bronze.

Ages Six and Under: Mason Lesperance - Silver - Kata "Forms", Gold - Kumite "Fighting"; Kaleb Pereira - Silver - Kumite "Fighting"; Josh Chapple - Gold - Kata "Forms", Bronze - Kumite "Fighting"

Ages Seven-Eight: Green and Brown: Lane Brohm - Silver - Kata "Forms", Gold - Kumite "Fighting", Kennedy McCracken - Gold - "Forms", Gold - Kumite "Fighting"

Ages Seven-Eight White, Yellow, Orange: Hunter Lesperance - Silver - Kata "Forms", Gold - Kumite "Fighting"

Ages 14-16 Green, Blue and Brown: Melissa Cooper - Silver - Kumite "Fighting"; Katie Woudstra - Bronze - Kata "Forms", Gold - Kumite "Fighting"

Ages 17-34 White, Yellow, Orange: Leah Blenkinsop - Silver - Kata "Forms", Silver - Kumite "Fighting"

Ages 17 to 34 Green, Blue and Brown: Brad Tripp - Silver - Kumite "Fighting"; Ages 35 and Older: John Black - Gold - Kata "Forms", Gold - Kumite "Fighting".

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Local Sports Round up Senior basketball team 9 games in already

By Terrance Gavan

Red Hawk Players of the Week Nov 29-Dec 3

Natasha Bradley - Jr. Girls volleyball - showstopper
Maia O'Sullivan - Girls wrestling - gold medal winner

Chris Allison - Sr. Boys basketball

Dylan Graham - Boys wrestling - gold medal winner

Hal High Red Hawks - Judi Paul's Class

Basketball

The senior boys' basketball team defeated Fenelon Falls 37 - 32 in exhibition play. Luke Watson scored 15 points and 15 rebounds for his second double-double of the season. Chris Allison had 13 points and 5 steals and Justin Levely had 8 rebounds and 4 points.

Junior Basketball

The junior boys' basketball team played an intensive, back and forth game against Fenelon Falls but were defeated 33-28. Zach Cox scored 14 points and pulled down 14 rebounds for his first double/double of the season.

Wrestling

The Red Hawk wrestling team travelled to Peterborough where they won 60 percent of their matches at the first tournament of the season. Keith Burley and Taylor Dair each placed third in their weight classes. Congratulations to Gage Shelly, Cody Cox, and Dylan Graham on their gold medal performances.

Volleyball

The senior girls' volleyball team travelled to LCVI to play in their first tourney of the year. The girls worked hard and proved to be a great contender amongst Double A rivals Brock and St. Thomas, winning a set against last year's Kawartha champs.

Wrestling

The veteran wrestlers competed at the Ajax tournament and posted some impressive results. Bringing home gold medals were Mike Mazara, Bailey Walker, Tara O'Sullivan and Maia O'Sullivan. Kayla

Gardiner earned silver, while Lily Coneybeare and Caitlyn Griffin earned bronze. Special mention to Greg Baumgartner who only lost one match in a tough class.

Basketball

The senior boys' basketball team defeated the St. Thomas Trojans by a score of 52-34. Jesse Lefebvre and Luke Watson had 14 points apiece, and Damon Flatman had 11 points. The junior boys' basketball team earned a convincing victory over the St. Thomas squad.

Skiing

Sir Sam's Ski Area will be open this weekend with special lift deals and that lovely brand new plexiglass covered, full sound system equipped moving carpet replacing the old T-Bar that services the bunny hill, terrain park, Cash Register and the east side runs. Had a chat with Chris Bishop last week and he is very excited about the plans for this year.

Curling

The Bonnie and Clyde mixed bonspiel held last weekend at the Haliburton Curling Club featured guns, fedoras and many Warren Beatty and Faye Dunaway wannabes.

Larry Holden's rink took first place.

Many new members are enrolled this season and in fact two brand new members Andrea and Steve Roberts who are first year curlers helped to sweep Holden capture the crown.

Local Haliburton Sports website is up

These stories and more are contained on Haliburton's new sports blog sponsored by the County Voice and edited by Voice sports guy Terrance Gavan.

The blog is up at haliburtonsports.blogspot.com.

It's called Haliburton Sports Pages - County Voice and can also be googled by entering Haliburton Sports Pages in your Google box.

Please, feel free to email me with submissions about upcoming events or results.

If you have pictures or videos and some featured athletes chuck me a note at gav@pardontheeruption.com or pop a note to editor@countyvoice.ca. ■

Atom AE's reach finals in Silver Stick Tourney

Submitted by Karena Crofts

It was a busy weekend with the two day International Silver Stick Tournament for Pee wee AEs groups three to five. It started early Saturday morning at the Minden arena with the first two teams arriving at 7am for their game at 8am. The tournament ended up being an hour behind by the afternoon with the last game being played at 8pm instead of 7pm. Randy's Tree Care and Landscaping Pee wee AEs games were scheduled for 10am, 2pm and 6pm. We first played Prince Edward County Kings and the Storm boys did not look like they came to play hockey. We were down one player with an injury and another playing with tonsillitis. The score in this game was 3-0 a loss for the Storm.

Things did not improve with the second game against the Port Perry Predator who dominated the Storm and won, 6-1. Our only goal, unassisted went to Ethan Cooper. By now the Storm had not acquired enough points to continue on to Sundays semi-finals in Haliburton, but had one more game to play. Maybe it was the thought of being defeated in all three games in a tournament that they were hosting that woke up the team, who were now down two players, but the third who had tonsillitis continued to play. The newly energized team headed onto the ice with purpose and won the game 4-2 against the Ennismore Eagles, a moment of glory that did not change the outcome of this tournament for them. The first goal went to Mitch Billings with an assist to Drew VanLieshout. The other three goals went to Max MacNaull, Drew VanLieshout and Greg Crofts all unassisted. The end of the tournament

saw the Port Perry Predators as champions and the Napanee Stars as finalist.

I would like to thank Wade MacInnes for his tireless work, support and help, Susan Burgess, Cherylan Russell, Steacy Billings, Jessica and John Rider, and all the others who offered their help. Also a thank you for Dani Smolen and Justins Jewellery. I apologized if I have missed anyone.

The weekend of Dec 10 thru 12th sees us in a tournament in Huntsville. Our next home game is Saturday Dec 18 against Port Carling in Haliburton at 330pm. ■

Floyd Hall Insurance Atom AE's Reach the Finals in Regional Silver Stick Tournament

Final Score: 3-1 Collingwood

Next Games: Wednesday, December 8th in Bancroft, Saturday, December 11th at 4:00 against Huntsville and on Sunday, December 12th against Gravenhurst in Rama at 3:00

Can you imagine scoring only three goals in three games and making it to the semi-final in a Silver Stick Tournament? That's exactly what happened as the boys skated to three gruelling one goal games on Saturday to make it to the semi-final the next day. In fact, all four games leading to the final were decided by one only goal.

The first game against Collingwood looked destined to end in a scoreless tie. The teams traded chance after chance but Carson Sisson stoned Collingwood repeatedly with some magnificent saves. But as the clock ticked down



Highland Storm goalie Carson Sisson was superb in goal last weekend. Photo by Gav

to only seven seconds left, Collingwood burst through the defense, scrambled the puck in front and stabbed home the winner.

It was a heartbreaking way to start the day, but the boys rallied for their next game against Stirling and came out with all cylinders firing. A nice feed by Aidan Garbutt broke Ben Schmidt free to score the first goal but Stirling proved to be resilient and quickly tied it up. With only 14 seconds left in the first though, Trevor Turner banged in the rebound off a shot by Ryan Prentice and the boys were able to secure a lead that they would not again relinquish.

The final game on Saturday, although not a classic by any stretch, was enough to secure a birth in the semi-final the next day. It was a long day, and it showed, with both teams seemingly stuck in quicksand through whole game. One goal from Ben Schmidt and a good night sleep were all the team needed to ensure they were ready for the semi-final on Sunday. Carson Sisson was the star of the day, making some absolutely stellar saves and letting in only two goals over the three games.

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Hawks basketball girds for the new season

By Terrance Gavan – Voice Sports

A whole passel of senior hoopsters are taking a victory lap this year, and coach Roland Zilla, who is probably going to pack it in after this season, is expecting a lot from his core group of returning seniors.

"Some of these guys have been with us for five years and it's a great group of returning players," said Zilla.

The seniors are already nine games into a busy season.

They've played two three game tournaments, the most recent a two day long pop in North Bay last weekend.

They boast a 4-5 overall record and are 1-1 in Kawartha league play.

Once again Zilla will be contending with stiff competition from Lindsay's IE Weldon and LCVI, and Fenelon Falls Falcons a triumvirate of AAA schools with large enrolments and players who have access to tons of representational league options in the major centers.

"I was happy with our showing at North Bay," said Zilla. "We played Timmins High School, who are very strong and we did well to stay within 28 points of them. We beat Sault Ste. Marie and lost our other game, but it was a good tourney for us."

Zilla said that the true measure of his squad might spin on a recent victory over St. Thomas Aquinas.

"The St Thomas game was our best game of the year," said Zilla. "St Thomas won the COSSA championship last year and we just played a tremendous game."

The senior Hawks beat the Trojans 52-34. Jesse Lefebvre and Luke Watson had 14 points apiece, and Damon Flatman – in his first year of senior ball after a stunning junior career – had 11 points.

Zilla says that with the exception of a superlative IE Weldon squad, most of Kawartha, including the Peterborough area clubs, can be had. He said that Weldon is the early season favorite.

"We have a good group of returning Grade 13s (victory lap players) and a solid group of Grade 11 players," said Zilla. "Luke (Watson) is back and Jesse Lefebvre is becoming a dominant center. We also rely on Jesse Walker, Chris Allison, Caleb Zilla, Josh Dennys and Justin Levely for senior leadership."

Unfortunately one of the leading lights on last year's squad, Andrew Elia is filling a spot between the pipes for the senior Hawks hockey team. Zilla said that Elia will be missed. Dave Waito and Walter Tose will be assisting Zilla this season.

Keys to success this season?

"We need more out of Luke and he needs to be more of a finesse player," said Zilla. "Jesse Lefebvre can jump out of the gym, but the guy that's really coming through is Chris Allison. He's been working very hard on his game and he can score. The league is really equal except for Weldon, and we can compete with the Peterborough teams as well."

"The kids that are all returning have been here for five years and are loyal to the program made the commitment in grade nine. They play their home opener on Tuesday, Dec 14 and are on the road against Fenelon Falcons today."

Junior Hoops looking solid

Paul Longo and Martin Gage are sharing coaching duties with the junior Red Hawks hoop squad this year.

Longo says that every year is a rebuilding year in junior ball but he seems pretty confident that his Hawks will be competitive this season.

"We're one and two overall this season," said Longo, this week. "We've got size, speed and a pretty good bench and we're pretty competitive in our league. We've got some good grade nines and are carrying 14 player – eight Grade 10s and six Grade 9s."

The nucleus of the team consists of returning players Louis Ferracutti, Tanner Ballantyne, Zach Cox and Kieran Poropat.

"We also have some Grade 10 players who didn't play for us last year including Jordan Hamilton and Cooper Shurlock," said Longo.

Cox will be the go to guy down low and has already started to impose himself. He scored 14 and popped for 14 boards in a loss to Fenelon Falls.

Longo is expecting a breakout year for Cox who was the team's best player inside the paint last season.

"I'm expecting him to be scoring and rebounding well for us this year and then we'll have to see how the rest of the team fits in," said Longo.

Home opener for both squads goes next Tuesday afternoon at the Hawks Nest.

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Red Hawk wrestlers takedown some medals

By Terrance Gavan – Voice Sports

They toil in anonymity.

Takedowns and holds. Leverage is a big part of the wrestling game. And leverage - unless you happen to be an aficionado of the Grecian grapple - is an intangible.

Leverage is not like a breakaway in hockey, a dippy-doodle whoop to hoop, or a sack in football.

Leverage is ... well ... hard to quantify really.

It's quick hands, quick feet, quick study, and quick knee jerk response.

It's smart, dynamic, and at its heart leverage relies upon the time-honored physics conundrum about irresistible forces and unmovable objects.

But in wrestling theoretical physics takes a back seat to the more fragrant "bigger they are - harder they fall" rule of objects in motion.

Call it grace under fire. Takedowns are exciting. Seldom seen. There's the rub. Paul Klose and Dan Faulkner coach the Haliburton High Red Hawks' wrestling team, and they are used to their spot in the hierarchy.

Most of their work is done on the road. At venues well off the

beaten track.

Last week they took their teams to Kenner and Ajax for some serious early season competition.

"We had two tourneys last week on Wednesday and Thursday and all of our wrestlers did okay and we're happy with the results," said Klose last Monday. "Overall it's a pretty young team with some returning vets - nice to have that leadership."

Maia O'Sullivan, Dylan Graham, Cody Cox, Gage Shelley, Mike Mazara, Bailey Walker, and Tara O'Sullivan took home gold medals. Mazara had no one in his weight class but Klose said that they did set up some exhibition matches for Mazara who was one of the up and coming young stalwarts on the wrestling team last year.

"Our Women's team got first overall at the Ajax tournament," said Klose, a result that speaks well for the team's overall chances this year.

The Hawks will be hosting a huge 250 competitor tourney right here in Haliburton on Thursday Dec 16.

Klose said that it's quite an all-encompassing undertaking, but that both guys and girls teams and coaches are revved about being able to showcase their talents at home for a change.

So if you've never had an opportunity to watch these finely tuned athletes compete, bookmark that date on your calendars.

And get your butts to the High School next Thursday.

Last week's Tournament results:

Kenner Wrestling Tournament (Dec 1)

Gold Medal - Gage Shelly (51 kg), Cody Cox (54 kg), Dylan Graham (UNL)

Bronze Medal - Keith Burley (77 kg), Tayler Dair (UNL)

Fourth place - Matt Vieira (67.5 kg), Nichole Honderich (47.5 kg), Chris Hall (57.5 kg), Anthony Nesbitt (41 kg), Tom Paul (64 kg), Megan Tompos (UNL)

Ajax High School Wrestling Tournament (Dec 2)

Gold Medal - Maia O'Sullivan (54 kg), Mike Mazara (54 kg), Bailey Walker 47.5 kg, Tara O'Sullivan (57.5 kg),

Silver Medal - Kayla Gardiner (44 kg)

Bronze Medal - Lily Coneybeare (67.5 kg), Caitlyn Griffin (51 kg), Greg Baumgartner (72 kg)

Fourth place - Zane Zondervan (77 kg), Liz Toth (67.5 kg)

The HHSS Women's Wrestling Team placed first at the Ajax tournament. ■

Highland Storm Atom A takes on Bracebridge

The Highland Storm Atom A team hosted the Bracebridge Bears this weekend with two intense games. It was a fast-paced gripping game in Haliburton on Friday. Both teams played aggressively, keeping the crowd on the edge. The game ended in a 1-1 tie. The Storm goal was scored by Nolan Flood and assisted by Owen Patterson-Smith.

The excitement carried on in Minden on Sunday. The Storm team rallied to take the lead in the first period, both teams continued to push and the momentum grew. It was a tremendous effort from the Storm

but ended in a 4-3 loss against the Bears. Goals scored by Kyle Cooper, Owen Gilbert and two from Nolan Flood. It was an awesome team effort with assists from Kyle Cooper, Owen Gilbert, Nolan Flood and Jacob Haedicke. The Storm Atom A team is currently sitting 3rd place in their division with 14 points of the 13 games played. Next weekend, they are on the road to Huntsville. Good luck boys!

The Highland Storm Atom A team is proudly sponsored by Dollo's Foodland.

Submitted by: Suzanne Haedicke ■

Minden Car Quest Bantam C Storm has undefeated streak snapped

The Minden Car Quest Bantam C Highland Storm girls hockey squad had their undefeated record snapped last night (Sunday afternoon) in Minden.

The team hosted the Markham-Stouffville Stars and played a tough game. Sydney Feir tied the game midway through the second period but Stars scored the eventual game

winning goal early in the third on a harmless play where the puck found its way into the back of the net. The Storm will have to have their "A-game" back in form as they travel to Keene to take on this undefeated squad this Saturday at 12:30. Get ready to play spoilers girls.

Dan Marsden ■

Atom AE's play hard-fought tourney but lose final

(from page 22)

And what a semi-final it was! The boys looked refreshed and ready to go and they started strong against a tough Port Hope squad. Their passing was phenomenal as was evidenced by a supreme give-and-go goal by Shawn Walker and Trevor Turner to get the game rolling. Alex Petrie gave the boys a two goal lead with a shot that took an odd bounce in front and somehow found its way to the back of the net. But suddenly the momentum shifted entirely in Port Hope's favour. Constant pressure and being forced to kill off several penalties frustrated the team to the point where, by midway through the third period, the team found themselves down by a goal. Tensions were high, but the boys re-grouped and overcame the adversity when, with only four minutes left, Ben Schmidt broke free and wristed a beautiful shot to tie the game and

carry it into overtime.

Overtime starts with three on three and Shawn Walker has made a habit of scoring key goals when our team has only three players on the ice. The period started with the pressure in Port Hope's favour but a blocked shot from the point bounced up to Shawn Walker and he skated in alone to score the winner to the deafening roar of the crowd.

The boys met the Collingwood squad again in the final and although they fought hard, they struggled to find the energy that carried them past Port Hope. In a penalty-filled match, the boys were only able to muster one goal by Ben Schmidt but unfortunately, it was too little too late.

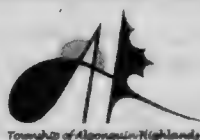
Although Floyd Hall's Atom AE's didn't win the tournament, this team has much to be proud of with an emotional, hard-fought two days of hockey. Special thanks must go to Joanne Sisson and her crew of parents who organized the amazing raffle tables and to Jim O'Neill for convening the tournament and filling in when needed. ■



Sir Sam's to open Saturday with discounted rates

Sir Sam's Ski Area will open this Saturday with a minimum of four runs. It has been a great snow-making season so far and a great season is expected. The new covered surface lift (first in Canada) will be running for the 18 of December. Sir Sam's is offering a 50 percent discount off daily lift tickets, rentals and lesson programs for this weekend, December 11 and 12 and from the 18 to the 24 of December inclusive. This is a great opportunity to get out and experience the sport at significant savings.

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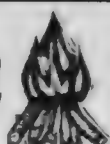
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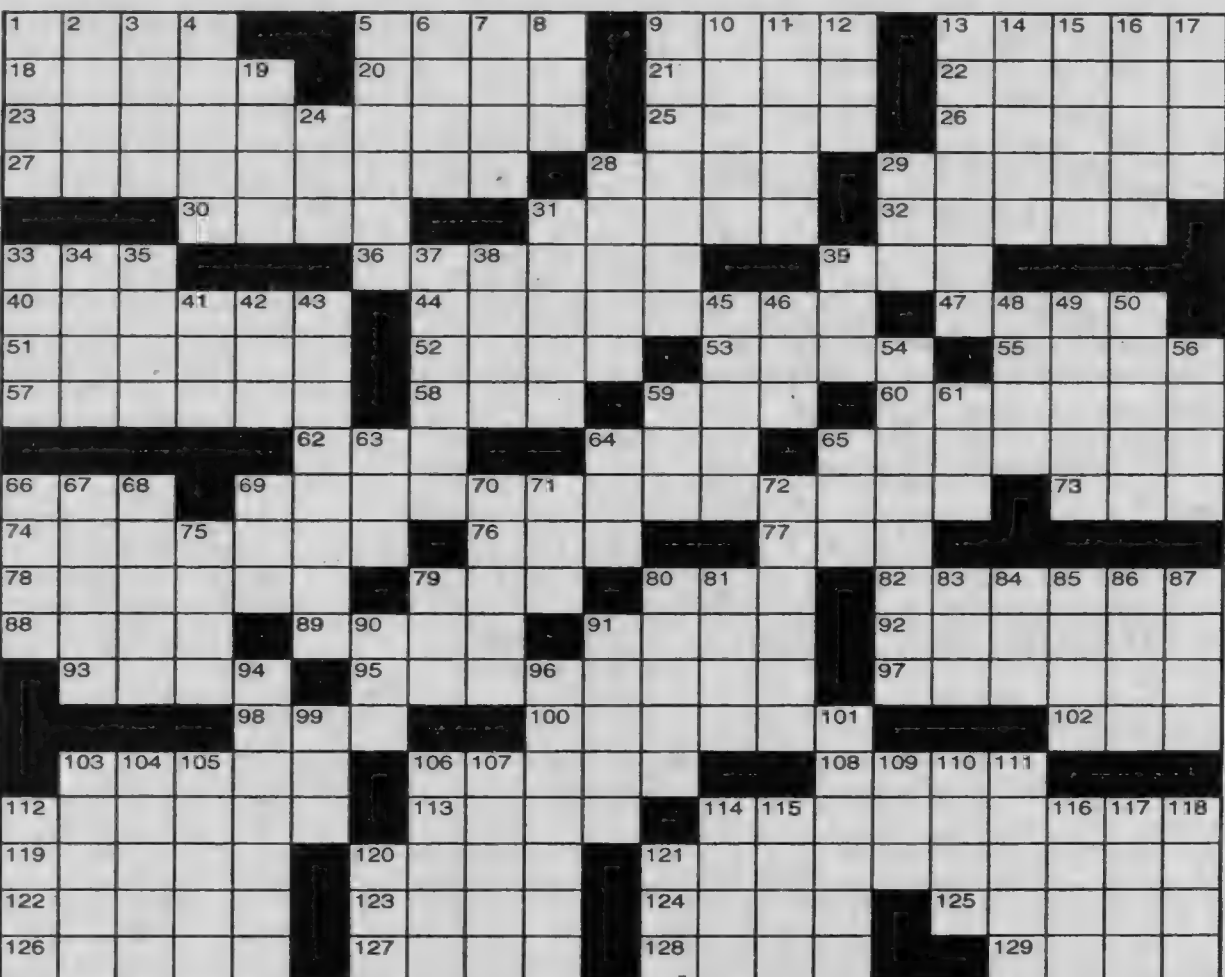
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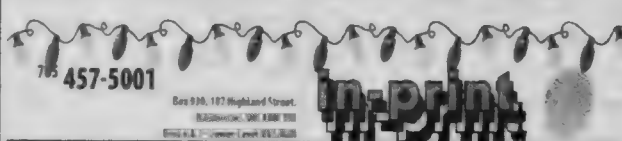
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Toxic Dead Sea

 Analysis of air samples collected over the Dead Sea reveals high levels of oxidized mercury, far more toxic than mercury's natural form, exist over the storied body of water. When oxidized, mercury can be widely dispersed, finding its way into lakes and oceans where it poses health risks all the way up the food chain to humans. Such high levels of mercury oxidation were thought to occur only in the bitter chill of the polar regions, and certainly not at the lowest point of the world's land surface, which often reaches 113 degrees Fahrenheit. Researchers from Nevada's Desert Research Institute and Israel's Hebrew University found that an unusually high level of bromine in the Dead Sea is responsible for the conversion of mercury to its dangerous form. The Dead Sea was a refuge for the biblical King David. King Herod turned it into one of the world's first health resorts and its surrounding salt flats have been a source of minerals for thousands of years. That material is sometimes used to create cosmetics and herbal sachets.

Another Record Year

 Climate experts say their initial calculations of this year's global temperature data indicate that 2010 will go in the record book tied with 1998 for the hottest year on record. Reliable records go back to 1850, and temperatures are now about 1.4 degrees Fahrenheit warmer than at that time. Data for the year so far show that 2010 is just under 1 degree Fahrenheit warmer than the 1961-1990 average. Even if the closing weeks of this year turn sharply cooler, 2010 is expected to be no lower than the third-warmest on record, behind 1998 and 2005, according to Britain's Climatic Research Unit at the University of East Anglia.

'Flying' Snakes

 Five related species of Asian tree-dwelling snakes have been found to be able to 'fly' through the air in a talent that has piqued the interest of the U.S. military. Virginia Tech researchers have documented how the forest fliers are able to fling themselves from tree limbs and conduct a controlled glide nearly 80 feet through the air. "Basically ... they become one long wing," researcher John Socha told reporters. He describes them as having "multiple segments that become multiple wings." The snakes have been described as biomechanical wonders that seem to swim through the air with a great deal of control as to where they land. The Pentagon is funding the research, but not to breed and enlist the snakes into a terrifying reptilian guerrilla army. It's believed the military interest is strictly in the aerodynamics of the snakes' abilities.

Earthquakes

 Tall buildings in downtown Tokyo swayed following a 6.9 magnitude quake centered 500 miles south of the Japanese capital, beneath the seabed of the Pacific Ocean.

• Earth movements were also felt in New Zealand's North Island, Indonesia's Papua province and Sulawesi island, southeast Tibet, east-central Sweden, metropolitan Los Angeles and from Long Island northward into New England.

Indian Ocean Cyclone

 Tropical Storm Abele coalesced from an area of disturbed weather spinning over the central Indian Ocean. Maximum sustained winds reached only about 45 mph near the storm's center before Abele began to dissipate far from land.

Indonesian Blasts

 Another one of Indonesia's numerous volcanoes shot ash into the sky during a series of blasts about 60 miles east of Mount Merapi, which itself has produced devastation and triggered mass evacuations on Java in recent weeks. Mount Bromo's rumblings prompted officials to warn nearby residents to be prepared to leave quickly should the mountain become more dangerous. Bromo typically erupts about once per year, but rarely spews debris and super-heated gas far from its crater. Approximately 60,000 people who have been living in temporary shelter since fleeing Merapi's deadly debris have been offered homes on a less-populated island.

Cherry-Red Raiders

 An illicit diet of junk food has turned a hive of New York City bees a garish red, exasperating their beekeeper and vexing those who work at a nearby plant that uses Red Dye No. 40 in its products. Cerise Mayo of Brooklyn was initially stumped when her bees starting coming home with an unnatural blush. She became even more puzzled when the foragers began producing scarlet-tinted honey. Then a friend suggested the bees might be skipping the local pollen sources for the more stimulating sweets of a nearby maraschino cherry plant. An investigation revealed the source of the apian rubescence to be the artificial coloring used at Dell's Maraschino Cherries Company in Red Hook. Workers there said the bees had been creating a huge nuisance, but plans were being made to install screens that should keep the sugar raiders out.

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Horoscopes

BORN THIS WEEK:

Your personal warmth helps you make friendships, and your sense of fair play helps you keep them.

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Although taking advice isn't always easy for the headstrong Sheep, you might want to consider what someone you respect says about an upcoming decision.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Private and professional matters compete for your attention. Be honest in your assessment of which should get more of it, and for how long.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) A seemingly endless list of must-do tasks is best handled by tackling them one by one, and taking energy-restoring timeouts between each job.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) A new offer is tempting, but don't be bullied into a quick decision. Rely on your keen Bovine business sense to alert you to anything that might be questionable.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Your Gemini Twin nature rallies to help you deal with this week's hectic schedules, both in your personal and professional lives. One caution: Watch your diet.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) A vexing relationship seems destined to deteriorate no matter what each side tries to do. A third party's advice just might prove helpful.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Avoid rushing to make up for time lost on a stalled workplace operation. Best to set up a schedule and pace yourself. Welcome the help of colleagues.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Reach out to ease any tensions caused by home or workplace pressures before they threaten the relationship-building progress you've made.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Despite those glittering holiday distractions you love so well, be sure to keep your feline senses set on high to alert you to anything that might require fast action.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) You often go out of your way to show kindness to others. So, don't be surprised if other people want to do something nice for you this week.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Making an effort to restore fraying relationships proves to be more successful than you dared hope. The holidays also bring new friends into your life.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) People in your life respect your Piscean wisdom, so don't hesitate to speak up about a matter that you feel isn't being handled quite the way it should be.

Christmas Deadlines!

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▲ -6° ▼ -8°

FRIDAY



Chance of light snow

▲ 0° ▼ -5°

SATURDAY



Mostly cloudy and seasonable

▲ -1° ▼ -4°

SUNDAY



Snow likely, it may be heavy at times

▲ -1° ▼ -9°

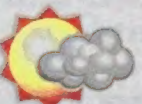
MONDAY



Windy and colder with snow and blowing snow

▲ -8° ▼ -15°

TUESDAY



Partly sunny, windy and cold

▲ -10° ▼ -20°

WEDNESDAY



Mostly cloudy with a few flurries

▲ -10° ▼ -21°

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Obituary

*In
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John "Jack" Melvin Barnhart

Passed away suddenly at the Haliburton Hospital on Sunday, December 5th, 2010, at the age of 78.

Loving husband of Roean (nee Davis). Beloved father of Lynn (Larry) Watson, Sandra (Greg) Bishop, Barbara (Jim) Winn, and Gail (Ross) Anderson. Loving grandpa of Andrew (Cassy), Christopher (Courtney), Adrian (Ashlee), Jeffery (Laura), Mallory, Kenton and Malcolm. Jack is survived by his brothers Neil, Harvey, Bob and is predeceased by his sister Hilda. He will be sadly missed by all who knew him and will not be forgotten for his wonderful sense of humour.

Friends are invited to visit the family at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127 Bobcaygeon Road, Minden on Tuesday afternoon from 4:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. Then to the Zion United Church, Carnarvon for the Funeral Service on Wednesday, December 8, 2010 at 1:00 p.m. Reception to follow at the Church in the Christian Education Centre. Spring Interment at the 12 Mile Lake Cemetery, Carnarvon.

Memorial Donations to the Canadian Cancer Society or to the Heart and Stroke Foundation would be appreciated by the family.

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For Rent

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Pets

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KASHAGAWIGAMOG LAKE - \$499,900



Cottaging the way it used to be!! This vintage family cottage sits close to the waters edge offering 250 ft frontage - south west exp - private level lot - rock & sand bottom - parcels like this are a rare find!!

Cathy Bain * 286-1234 ex. 224

CRANDOS STREET MINDEN - \$199,900



Immaculately maintained 3 bedroom bungalow is on town water and sewers and is walking distance to town!! It features 3 good sized bedrooms, large living room with lots of light and hardwood floors, separate dining room (which could be used as a den, fourth bedroom or sun porch). This home has plenty of storage space and a full basement. Recent updates include new furnace, roof, ceramic floors, propane fireplace and new kitchen appliances. All of this is on a beautifully landscaped and private, quiet lot.

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CRYSTAL LAKE - \$249,900



Possibly the best value on Crystal Lake, this older 3 bedroom cottage is situated on 100 feet of clean rocky shoreline with southern exposure and an outstanding view. The cottage is in need of a lot of TLC and is being sold "as is". The property has tremendous curb appeal as you drive in the 350 foot deep lot with ample parking and lots of room to renovate or build. Enjoy all day sun and awesome views from the cottage, waterfront deck and dock!

Diane Knapp* 488-3077

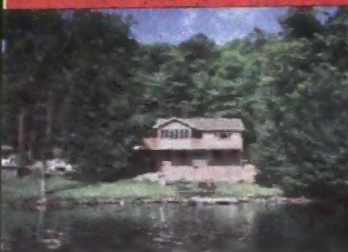
CRYSTAL LAKE ROAD - \$99,500



Licensed sand and gravel pit - large acreage in Kinmount area with large beaver pond - deeded access off Galway Road - 155 acres.

Peter Franzen* 286-1234 ext. 222

BOB LAKE - \$479,900



Winterized 3 bedroom home features finished basement with a walk out to landscaped gardens, 105 feet of sandy shoreline, main floor master bedroom with 4pc ensuite, open concept kitchen and living room, automatic generator backup, bunkie, sunroom and much more.

Susan Johnson * 457-2414, ext 44

4 BEDROOM HOME - \$229,900



Newer raised bungalow with fully finished walkout lower level. Modern decor with cherry wood kitchen cupboards, main floor laundry, cathedral ceiling, large front deck and lots of room on this level 2 acre lot.

Lawrence VanLieshout** 457-2414

ESSONVILLE LINE - \$369,900



Custom built brick home was designed with the environment in mind and includes a geo-thermal heating/cooling system, energy efficient windows, R120 insulation in the ceilings, \$10k security system, back-up generator and too many more features to list.

Patti Johnson** 286-1234 ext.238

KUSHOG LAKE - \$574,900



Solid brick/stone 3+2 bedroom, 2 washroom home. Extensive 2 level decking and landscaping. Totally finished 2 level home features cathedral pine ceilings, floor to ceiling windows, pine interior doors, lower level with wet bar, built in hot tub, games room plus loads more!

Patti Johnson** 705-286-1234 ext. 238

GULL RIVER - \$249,900



This year round property features metal roof, a fully finished walkout lower level, upgraded flooring, kitchen and bathrooms, large rooms, numerous decks, room for the kids to play and a nice river view. Comes turn key ready.

Debbie Cumber* 457-2414 ext. 24

ROBERSTON ROAD - \$154,900



Large country home prime location between Haliburton & Minden. One acre with large spring fed pond. Newly renovated home, new siding, new flooring and new windows. Three large bedrooms also includes carport and workshop, 2 bathrooms, fireplace, drilled well

Peter Franzen* 286-1234 ext. 222

BOBCRAYGEON ROAD - \$174,900



Gorgeous, private hilltop setting with a spectacular view - 11 year old Viceroy on over 10 acres - open concept living/dining room & kitchen provide terrific entertainment space - two bedrooms - take the time to view.

Lindsay Elder** 286-1234 ex. 223 or 457-5878

KASHAGAWIGAMOG LAKE ROAD - \$289,000



Meticulously maintained 2 bedroom home or cottage - 5 lake chain - hook ups for a 45 ft motor home/trailer - partially insulated shed could easily be converted to a bunkie - well plus lake water for outside watering - gorgeous sunset views.

Lindsay Elder** 286-1234 ex. 223 or 457-5878

HALLS LAKE - \$649,900



R2000 Royal Home - on a full partially finished walkout basement includes oak hardwood floors, main floor laundry, master ensuite, several walkouts to deck, propane fireplace, custom kitchen, 3 full washrooms, double garage, plus loads more. Wheelchair accessible with ramp.

Lorri Roberts * 457-2414 ext. 43

LT. GLAMOR LAKE - \$479,000



Home/cottage featuring rounded structure with 4 bedrooms, 2 baths, sunken living room with vaulted ceilings, floor to ceiling fireplace, screened in porch, extensive rounded deck, bunkie and garage.

Larry Hussey * 457-2414 ext. 23

GLAMORGAN RD - \$122,900



Spacious 3 bedroom all on one level. Large detached garage with loft and carport. Very level treed lot with plenty of parking. Right of way to Paradise Lake across road from property.

Larry Hussey * 705-457-2414 ext. 23

IRONDALE RIVER - \$279,000



Open concept chalet style year round cottage or home - 150 frontage - 3 bedrooms - cathedral ceilings - main floor laundry - propane fireplace in living room and master bedroom - gorgeous eat in kitchen - stainless steel fridge, stove & dishwasher - screened gazebo - this property has it plus more!!

Diane Knapp* 488-3077

CUSTOM BUILT HOME - \$239,900



Open concept designed home with kitchen/dining room combo with a breakfast bar, stone fireplace, refinished pine floors, jacuzzi bath, front porch and rear screened in porch viewing a pond. Double detached garage heated and insulated with a loft.

Chris & Michelle Smolarz * 457-2414 ext. 22

KUSHOG LAKE - \$285,000



3 bedroom 4 season cottage/home with over 390 feet of clean rock and sand frontage and 4.35 acres of land. Original hardwood floors and totally remodeled kitchen, propane fireplace, main floor laundry, upgraded hydro and wired for generator.

Anthony vanLieshout*** 457-2414 ext. 27

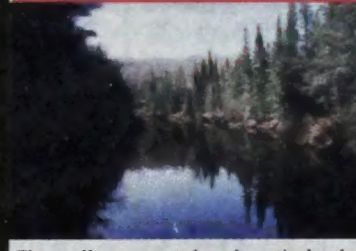
MISKWABI LAKE - \$359,000



3 bedroom 4 season cottage/home with over 390 feet of clean rock and sand frontage and 4.35 acres of land. Original hardwood floors and totally remodeled kitchen, propane fireplace, main floor laundry, upgraded hydro and wired for generator.

Lorri Roberts * 457-2414 ext. 43

IRONDALE RIVER - \$149,900



The well constructed and meticulously maintained cottage offers a nice open concept Design with large bright rooms, a large 4 pc bathroom and loads of storage space.

Susan Bambridge 457-2414 ext. 45

BOYNE LAKE - \$165,900



Very large lakefront lot, well treed, small stream through the property. 320' of shallow shoreline. Eastern exposure. Access via cottage road. Close to hydro. Driveway and building site installed.

Lawrence VanLieshout** 457-2414

CRANBERRY LAKE - \$244,900



Neat & clean 3 bedroom, 1.5 washroom home on a full walk-out basement features \$10,000 in new Energy Star windows and doors, freshly painted and decorated, energy efficient hot water heating system, wood airtight stove, nice sunroom, new lakeside deck plus loads more.

Debbie Cumber* 457-2414 ext. 24

COUNTRY HOME - \$225,000



Beautifully landscaped park like setting with mature trees and nice fencing. Over 2700 sq ft of living space with 4 bedrooms, 2 baths, spacious bright living space with loads of windows and a cozy fireplace.

Chris & Michelle Smolarz * 457-2414 ext. 22

HALIBURTON LAKE - \$324,900



Superb municipal yr round access, level lot, partially cleared, slightly elevated off the lake. Expansive eastern view ideal for the future development. Neat and clean older 1.5 storey 3 bedroom, 1122 sq. ft. home plus sunroom area and detached 1.5 garage.

Anthony vanLieshout*** 457-2414 ext. 27

REDSTONE LAKE - \$259,000



Great starter cottage on a premier lake, NW exposure, deep water, great swimming and boating. 2 bedrooms with open concept living space, 3 pc bath (shower separate) newer septic, steel roof, new PT steps to water. Drive to back door. Lot value - don't hesitate on seeing this jewel.

Gloria Carnochan or Cindy Muenzel * 754-1932

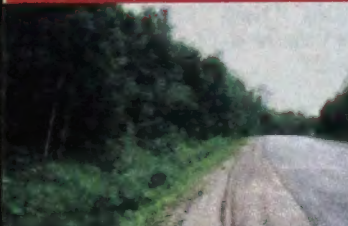
KENNISIS LAKE - \$299,000



Answer to your dreams! Kennisis Lake building lot with small cabin, 100 ft lot, gentle slope easy access, well treed with mature pine and maple. G o o d privacy from the neighbors. Great spot to build your dream cottage with highly desired south exp & sand beach.

Gloria Carnochan or Cindy Muenzel * 754-1932

HALIBURTON LAKE RD - \$84,000



96.2 acres parcel with a road already into the property off Haliburton Lake Road. Schedule A & B & C must accompany all offers. Allow 5 days irrevocable. Lot is approved for severance.

Hal Johnson** 286-1234 ex. 229

DARK LAKE - \$166,950



Great starter home or cottage within walking distance to downtown Wilberforce. Enjoy a great view of Dark Lake just across the road. Cruise up the river and into Grace Lake for miles of boating. Lots of potential with this home.

Hal Johnson** 286-1234 ex. 229



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